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ANNO TERTIO
ET QVARTO EDOVARDI
SEXTI.

ACTES

made in the Seſſion of this preſent parliament, holden vpon prorogacion at Weſtminſter the .xiii. daie of Nouember, in the third yere of the reigne of oure moſte dreade ſouereigne Lord Edward the VI. by the grace of God kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendor of the faith, and of the churche of Englande and alſo of Ireland, in yearth the ſupreme hed: and there continued and kept to the firſt daie of Februarij, in the .iiii. yere of oure ſaied ſouereigne lorde, as folo-weth.

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¶ The first Chapiter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the moste Excellent Prince of famous memorie Kynge Henry the eight, it was enacted that no persone or persones, should from the makyng of the saide acte be nominated and appointed to the office or offices of the *Custos rotulorum*, within any Shire of this Realme of Englande, Walles, or other the Kynges dominions, Marches, or territories of the same, but suche as should haue a bill sygned with the Kynges hand for the same, which bill sygned, should be a sufficient warraunt by auctoritie of the saide Acte, to the Lorde Chauncelour of England, & Lord keper of the greate Seale for the tyme beyng, to make from tyme to tyme, commission or commissions, assignyng and auctho[r]isyng therby the same person to bee *Custos rotulorum*, vntill the Kynge had by an other bill assigned with his owne hande appointed and ordeyned an other person to haue, occupie, and exercise, the same office of *Custos rotulorum*, and that the saide person appointed and assigned to be *Custos rotulorum*, as is aboue saide, should and might occupie, exercise and enioye the saide office of *Custos rotulorum*, by him self, or by his sufficient deputie learned in the lawes of this Realme, and mete and able to supplie the saide office, accordyng to the tenour of the saide graunt or commission, as by the same act among other thynges more at large it doth & may appeare. Sence the makyng of which statute, diuerse & many p[er]sõs being in the said offices of *Custos rotulorum*, in diuerse shires of ꝑ realme, haue departed this present lyfe and died, so that there hath not come to the handes of the Chauncellour of England, or Lorde keper of the great Seale, any bill or billes, assigned with the Kinges maiesties hand for the namyng, appoinctyng or assignyng of any new *Custos rotulorum*, in the same Shires, the saide offices haue remained voyde for a long time, to the great let of iustice. And also for that it shalbe very tedious, and much to the molestynge of the Kynges maiestie, vpon euery auoidaunce of suche *Custos rotulorum*, by death, or otherwyse, to moue his Maiestie for the signyng of billes for other persons to be elected, named, chosen & appointed, to supplie the

saide offices of *Custos rotulorum*, beyng voide. And for that the nominacion and appoinctyng of thesaide office of *Custos rotulorum*, longe time before the makyng of thesaide Statute, last before reherſed, dyd apperteigne and belong to the office of the Chauncellour of England, or Lorde keper of the great Seale, for the time beyng: Be it therefore enacted by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that the Chauncellour of Englande or Lord keper of the greate Seale, for the tyme being, shall at all time and times hereafter, and from time to time, without any bil or billes, to bee assigned wyth the Kynges hande, name, elect, assigne and appoinct suche person and persons, to be *Custos rotulorum*, within euery Shire of this realme of England, Wales and other the Kynges dominions, Marches, and territories of thesame, or by any of thē, as by the discrecion of thesaide Lorde Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the greate seale, for the time being, shalbe thought hable and mete, to haue and exercise thesame. And that thesaid person & persons, so to be appoincted, elected, named, and assigned, by thesaide lorde Chauncellour or lorde keper of the greate Seale, for the time being, shall and maie occupie, exercise and enioye, thesame office of *Custos rotulorum*, by him selfe, or by hys sufficiēt deputie or deputies, in as ample and large maner & forme, as if thesaid acte had neuer bene had ne made, the before reherced acte or any thing therin conteined, to the contrarie hereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all suche as now haue any of thesayde offices of *Custos rotulorum*, by the Kynges letters Patentes or commission, to theim or any of theim made, shal and maie enioye, haue and exercise their saide offices, by vertue of thesame letters Patentes or commission by hym self, or his sufficient & hable deputie instructed in the lawes of this realme, any thyng in this present acte had or made, to the contrarie not withstandyng.

Prouyded also that it be enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that the Archebyshop of Yorke, the bisshop of Durham, the bisshop of Ely, and euery of their successours, the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancaster for the time being, and all and euery person and persons, corporacions and bodies corporated, to whome the Kynges maiestie or any of hys noble progenitours by hys or theyr letters Patentes, or acte of Parliament, haue geuen and graunted any libertie and aucthoritie, or otherwise haue aucthoritie by other laufull meanes or waies, to ordeine, make and cōstitute, any of thesaid officers of *Custos rotulorum*, within any countie palentine, or other place, shal & may haue & enioye thesame libertie & aucthoritie, according as thei haue had and enioyed thesame, any thing in this presēt act, had or made, to the cōtrary not wstanding.

¶ The second Chapiter.

An Acte for the true makyng of wollen clothes.

Forasmuch

FOr asmuche as by the sleight and lottell makyng of Clothes and Colours, within diuers partes of thys Realme, now of late practised & vsed, not onely great infamies & slaunders hath growē to the same realme but also the Kynges maiesties faithfull and true subiectes haue susteined great losse in the vse & weryng of the same clothes, so sleightly & lottelly made: for remedy and reformacio whereof, Be it ordeined & enacted by the Kynges moste excellent maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, & the cōmons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctho'itie of the same, that euery Clothier and clothe maker, shall from the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady next commyng, set his Seale of leade to his clothe, declaryng thereby, the iust lengthes therof to be tried by the water. And that no person shall from the saide feast, straine or stretche any set clothes or any other clothe aboue one yeard & an halfe in length & a quarter of a yeard in breadeth, vpō paine to forfeite. xl. s. for euery defaulte. And that no person nor persons, shall frō the said feast, vpō paine last before remēbred, put to sale any cloth, which when it shalbe wett, shal shrinke more then one yeard and a half in al the lēgth, & a quarter of a yeard in the breadeth. And that narrow straites and kerseis shall not from the saide feast be stretched aboue a yeard in length, & halfe a quarter of a yeard in breadeth, vpō the paine for euery defalt therin. xx. s. nor shal put to sale any cloth, narrow, streite or kersey, the peces wherof beyng wet shall shrinke more then after the same seuerall rates in the whole pece, vpon paine to forfeite for euery suche offence. xx. s. AND further, that no person or persons occupieng the feate of dieng, shal die or alter into colours, or cause to be died, or altered in to colours any wollen clothes, as browne blewes, piewkes, taunies, or violettes, except the same wollen clothes be perfectly boiled, greined or madered vpon the woade, and shot with good and sufficient corke or orchal after a due substancial and sufficient maner of workmanship, according to the auncīēt workmāship in time past vsed, vpō paine for euery defalt to forfet. xx. s. Nor that any person, shall frō the said feast, dye any wolle to be cōuerted into clothe called russettes, musters, marbles, graies, royes, & suche like colors or to be conuerted & made in to hattes or cappes, onles the same wol be perfectly woaded, boiled, & maddered accordyng to the true & auncient vsage vpō the paine of forfeiture for ē false diyng of euery suche cloth, or of asmuche woll as shall serue for the making of euery cloth cōtrarie to the true meaning thereof. xl. s. Nor shal dye with brasel to thintēt to make a false coloure in clothe nor wol, hattes nor cappes, vpon paine for euery defalte to forfet. xx. s.

And that no person or persons, shall after the saide feast put any flockes, chalke, floure or sterche or any other deceiuable thing, vpon any set cloth, or vpon any other cloth or clothes coloured or vncolored, vpon

payne to forfet for euery fuche offence. xl.s. And that no perfon fhall from the faid feaft, occupie any iron cardes or pickardes in rowing of any fet cloth or any maner of wollen cloth, vpon payne to forfet, aſwell the ſaid iron cardes or pickardes as alſo the ſomme of. xx.s. for euery fuche offence. Nor that any perſon ſhall from the ſaid feaſt ſell any cloth by any leſſe meaſure then after the true content therof, to be moten and meaſured by the yeard, adding to euery yeard one ynch of the rule, according to the ſtatute made in the. vi. yere of the Reigne of the moſte worthy Prince of moſt famous memory Kynge Henry the. viij. father vnto our ſouereigne Lorde the Kynge that now is, vpon paine to forfet for euery yeard of clothe ſo put to ſale, by anye other leſſe meaſure vi.s. viij.d. And that no perſon ſhall from the ſaid feaſt, put to ſale here within the realme, either by retail or otherwiſe any cloth, being preſſed to be occupied & woorne here within the realme of England, Wales, or Ireland, vpon paine of forfeiture of the ſame cloth or the value therof that haue bene ſo preſſed and put to ſale, as is laſt before remembred.

And for the better executing of this ſtatute, be it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaid, that in euery toune, village, or hamlet, beyng not corporate, where any cloth ſhalbe made, or ſold, the Juſtices of peace of the ſame ſhire where any ſuche toune, village, or hamlet is, or two of thē at the leaſt, & in euery citie, borough, or toune corporate, the hed officer or officers of euery the ſame Citie, Borough, or toune corporat together with the wardens of the clothworkers, or two of them at the leaſt ſhall haue full power & auctoritie by vertue of this act, once euery yere to conuent & call before thē by their precept, or otherwiſe. vj. iiij. vj. viij. or more, as they ſhall think good by their diſcretiō of the moſt honeſt, diſcrete and indifferent men of euery ſuch citie, borough, toune, village or hālet, wher any cloth ſhalbe made or ſold, & them ſhall cōſtitute, ordeine and appointe to be ouerſeers for one whole yere then next folowing, within the citie, borough, toune, village or hamlet, wher the ſame ouerſeers ſhalbe dwellyng, charging thē alſo vpon their othes, & as they do tender the honor of the realme, & the comen welth of the ſame, that thei do indeuour theym ſelfes for that yere, as muche as in thē ſhall lye, to ſee that this ſtatute be truly obſerued and kept within the limites of their charge in euery parte therof. And that the ſame ouerſeers, or two of them, ſhal euery quarter of the ſaide yere at the leaſt, or ſo often as nede ſhall require by their diſcrecions, by force hereof, viſite & go in to euery clothiers, drapers, clothworkers, diers & preſſors houſes, ſhops, and other places, where cloth or died wol ſhalbe, & there to make due ſerche and to vieue the clothes & walles, made or died or remaynyng to be ſold and to ſerche and trie, aſwell whether the ſaide clothes, be drawen or ſtreined or falſlie died, as alſo of all other the defaltes before ſpecified, committed, or done contrarie to the true meaning of this acte. And yf vpon the ſerche, the clothes be found drawne or ſtrained, or the clothe or

walles

stoolles fully ded or rooted, or anyother of the said faultes committed or done contrarie to the true meanyng of this statute: That then the said seuerall forfaitures to enuere vnto the partie, or parties, which shall offend in the same, or in any of them the one halfe of all whyche forfeitures to be vnto the kyng our saide soueraigne Lorde hys heires or successours, and the other halfe, to such of the saide ouerseers, as doth finde the saide defaultes or causes of forfeitures, and that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of record or before the Justices of peace, within any such citie, borough or towne corporate, or before the Justices of peace within any shire, where any suche forfeitures shalbe had out of any Citie or towne corporate, the same suite to be pursued by Bill, plaint action of debte, Information or otherwyse, and in which suite, no wager of law, essoine or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And yf the saide ouerseers shalbe negligent and wyll not sue for the same forfaitures, by the space of one halfe yere next after the cause of the same forfaitures committed and done, that then the one halfe of the same forfaiture, to be vnto our saide soueraigne Lorde the kynge, his heires or successours, & the other halfe to hym whych will sue for the same, as is aforesaid within one other halfe yere next after suche default be had by the said ouerseers. And yf any of the saide persons so commaunded to appeare to be made ouerseers, as is aforesaid, and hauyng no reasonable excuse, refuse to come, & to take vpō hym or them to be an ouerseer, as is aforesaid, ꝑ then euery such person refusyng, & hauing no reasonable excuse so to do, to forfeit for euery suche refusing. xl. s. the one halfe thereof, to be to the kynge oure said soueraigne, hys heires or successours, and the other halfe to the Justices of peace, or other hed Officer or Officers, by whose commaundement he was commaunded to appeare, or to be an ouerseer, and the same ouerseer so offending, to remaine in the warde of the Shirife, vntyll suche tyme as he hath made paimēt of the said forfaiture, or otherwyse put in sufficient bonde for the satisfaccion of the same. And yf the same ouerseers, or two of them at the least, do not once euery quarter of the yere, make due searche for the true executyng of this statute, that then euery of the saide ouerseers, to forfaite for euery suche defaulte. x. l. the one halfe to be to the kinges highnes, his heires or successors, and the other halfe, to hym that wyll sue for the same, by byl, plaint, accion of debt, Information or otherwise, in whyche suite, no essoine or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And if the said ouerseers, shalbe interrupted and not suffered to enter in to the saide houses, shopes, or other places, wher any suche clothes or wolles shalbe made or died, or any other of the said defaltes shal happen to be done or committed, there to make searche for the better executyng of thys statute, that then euery one that so shall make anye suche interruption, shall forfeite. xx. l. the one halfe of whiche forfeiture to be to oure said soueraigne Lord the kyng, his heires or successours,

and thother halfe therof, to be to the said ouerseers, to whom any such interruption shalbe made, and the same to be optained and pursued for, in suche maner and fourme, as before in this Acte is expressed, for the recouery of other of the saide forfaitures.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by thauctorite afore saide, that it shall, & maie be leful to euery person & persons, to put to sale any clothe or clothes, made, died, or prest, whyche before the saide feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady shalbe made, died or prest, at any tyme wythin one yere, nexte after the saide feast of the Annunciacion of oure Lady, so as the Almager, or hys Deputie or other hed Officer in any suche Citie, Borough, Towne, Village or Hamlet, do put some notorious marke to euery suche cloth, wherby the same may be knowē to be made before the said feast of the Purification of our Lady next commyng.

Prouided also that no maner of person, shall take any auauntage of any of the saide forfaitures, by reason of thys Statute, onelesse the same person do the commence hys sute, within one yere, nexte after the saide offences and forfaitures committed.

And to thentent, that all suche Clothes as shalbe made wythin thys Realme, or any other of the kynges dominions after the saide feast, shalbe the better knowen from the other Clothes made before the same tyme: Be it therefore enacted by thauctorite afore saide, that euery Clothier shal before suche tyme, as he shall putte hys Clothe to sale, beyng made after the saide feast, cause euery Clothe to be marked with a letter of E. crouned, wrought in the cloth, vpon pein of forfeiture for euery clothe so beyng solde and not merked with the saide letter E. by any suche Clothier. xx. s. the one halfe of whych forfaiture to be to our souereigne Lord the kyng, his heires or successours, and thother halfe to him that wyll sue for the same, in maner and fourme before rehersed.

¶ The. iij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte concernyng the empryouementes of Commons and Wast groundes.

Where in the Parliamēt holdē at Marton in the. xx. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the third, it is conteyned ẏ for because many greate men of Englande whiche had enfeoffed knightes and other their fre tenauntes of smal tenementes in their greate mannours, did cōplaine ẏ they might not make their profites of ẏ residue of their manours, as of wast woddes & pastures, wher the same feoffes had sufficiēt pasture, as muche as belōged vnto their tenemētes: it was prouided & graunted, that whatsoeuer persons so enfeoffed, brought assise of *Nouell disseison*, of their cōmon of pasture, & before ẏ iustices it were recognised, that thei had as much pasture as did suffice vnto their Tenementes, and that thei had free ingresse

gresse & egresse into, and from their tenemẽtes vnto their pasture, that then thei should therwith be contented, and that thei, vpon whom they hadde complained shoulde departe quite with that they myght make their profite of their landes, wastes, woddes, and pastures. And yf it were sayde that thei had not sufficient pasture, or sufficient ingresse and egresse, as much as doth belong vnto their tenemẽtes, as is aboue saide, that then the trueth thereof should be enquired, by Assise, & if it were recognised by the Assise, that their ingresse & egresse wer in any thinge letted by thesame delorciatours, or that they had not sufficient pasture and sufficiẽt ingresse and egresse, as is aboue saide, that then they should recouer their *seison*, by vewe of the Iurours, so that by the discrecio and othe of them, the cõplainauntes shoulde haue sufficient pasture & sufficient ingresse and egresse, in fourme afore saide, & that the disseisours, should be in amerciament of the kyng, and should yelde dammages as thei were wonte to do before thesame prouisiõ. And if it were recognised by the Assise, that the complainauntes hadde sufficient pasture with free ingresse & egresse, as is aboue mẽcioned, that then the other might lawfully do their profite of the residue, and should goo quite from thesame Assise, as in the saide Estatute more playnely appeareth.

And where also in the Parliament holden at Westminster after Easter the .xiij. yere of the reigne of king Edward the first, it was ordeined that where in the statute made at Marton, it was agreed that lordes of wastes, woddes, & pastures, might approue them selfes of their wastes, woddes and pastures, notwithstandyng the gayne saiyng and contradiccio of their tenauntes, whiles thesame tenauntes had sufficient pasture to their tenementes with free ingresse and egresse, into and from thesame. And for that no mencion was made betwene neighbour and neighboure, many Lordes of wastes, woddes and pastures, vnto that time were let by contradiccion or gayne saiyng of neighbours, hauyng sufficient pasture. And forasmuche as forrein tenauntes haue no greater right of commonyng in the wodd, wast or pasture of any Lord, then the proper tenauntes of thesame Lord, it was from thẽceforth ordeined, that thesaide Statute prouided at Marton, betwene the Lord and his tenauntes, should haue place fromthenceforth betwene the lordes of wastes, woddes and pastures, and neighbours, sauing sufficient pasture to their menne and neighbours, so that the Lordes of thesame wast, wastes, woddes, and pastures, maie approue theim selfes of the residue, and that thesame should be obserued of theim that claime pasture as perteignyng to their Tenauntes. But if any man claime common of pasture, by special feoffement or graunt, to a certain nombre of beastes, or otherwise, then of common right, he ought to haue it. Where couenaunt dothe abrogate the lawe, he shall haue suche recouery as he ought to haue by forme of the graunt to hym made. And that by occasion of a Wyndmyll, Shepehoule, Dairy, augmentacion or increase of any courte necessarie, or curtillage, from thenceforth, noman should be greued

ued by Assise, of *Nouell disseison* of common of pasture. And for almuche as it happeneth some tyme ẏ some men hauynge right to approue to him selfe, hath made or leuied a ditche or a hedge, & other by night or suche other tyme when they beleue their dede shoulde not be knowen, doo or will cast doune thesame ditche or hedge, and that it cannot bee knowen by verdite of assise or Jurie, who did cast doume thesame ditch or hedge, nor the mē of the next towne wil endite theim that be giltie of thesame dedes, then the nexte townesship adioinyng aboute thesame shalbe destreined, to leuie or make vp the same ditche or hedge at their proper costes, & to yeld dammages as in thesaide Estatute amongest other thinges more plainly appeareth.

And forasmuche as the aforesaide Estatutes bene thought beneficiall for the common wealth of this realme of England. Be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde with thassent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all and euery thesaide Statutes and all braunches, clauses, articles, sentences, matters and pouctes conteined and specified in theim, and euery of theim, now not repeled, shal from henceforth be good and effectuall, and also stand and be in their full strength, force, and effecte.

And because that suche persons as shall bryng assise of *Nouell disseison*, vpon thesaid Estatutes, or vpon any of theim, shall by force of thesame estatute recouer but onely single dammages, whych is thought to be a smal recompence for thesame: Therfore be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaide, that al suche person and persons, as shal at any time hereafter bryng Assise vpon any braunche or article of thesaide Estatutes, or any of theim, and haue iudgement to recouer, shal haue his, or their dāmages trebled by the iudgement of the court, where suche Assise & iudgement shalbe had.

And where in diuerse countries of thys Realme, there hath bene builded vpon Commons or wast groundes certaine necessarie houses with ground, vnder the quantitie of three acres, and not aboue three acres enclosed to and with thesame: and in some place there is enclosed a garden, or charde or ponde, out, of or in such wastes or groundes, which excede not the quantitie of two acres or there aboutes which doth no hurte, and yet is much commoditie to the owner therof, and to others: Be it therefore enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaide, that thesaide two former actes, nor any of theim, nor any thyng in theim cōteined, shal extende to any suche house, grounde or other thyng so enclosed, as is last herein before mencioned, ne shall cause any person or persons to lose or forfaite any paine, dammage, or penaltie for thesame.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that yf anye suche house hath bene heretofore builded vpon any suche wast ground as is afore saide, and that there be aboue the nombre of three acres enclosed to the same

ſame,that then theſaide houſe and three acres percell of theſame encloſure, ſhall ſtil remaine,ſtande, abide and continue in lyke and theſame fourme and degree, as it now doth,and that the ouerplus, of theſaide three acres ſo encloſed,as is aforeſaied,ſhal and maie be layed open bi the owner or owners of theſame waſtes,any thing in this act,or in any of theſaide former actes,to the contrarie in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

❧ The.iiii.Chapiter.

An acte concernyng grauntes and giftes made by patenties out of letters patentes.

WHere the right noble and famous kynge of full worthie memorie kynge Henry the.viii.father to oure moſte dreade and nowe naturall ſouereigne liege Lorde, ſithens the.iiii. daie of Februarie in the .xxviii.yere of hys late reigne, and alſo the kynges moſt excellent Maieſtie, by their ſeuerall letters Patentes,haue geuen, graunted, bargained, ſolde, and eſchaunged to and wyth diuerſe and ſundrie the ſubiectes of thys Realme, bodyes politique and corporate in fee ſimple,Fee taile,for terme of life or yeres,diuerſe honours,caſtels,manours,landes,tenementes,and other hereditamētes, and offices. After and ſence whiche grauntes, bargaines, ſales & exchaunges, diuerſe of theſaide Patentees,their heires,ſucceſſours or aſſignes,haue bargained,ſolde,geuen,exchaunged or dimiſed, diuerſe perticuler partes,percels or portions of theſaide honours,caſtels, mannours, landes, tenementes,hereditamētes and offices, or other thynges thereunto appertaignyng or belongyng, to other perſon or perſons, bodies politique, or corporate, that is to ſaie,to ſome of them in fee ſimple,to ſome other in fee taile for terme of life,or yeres or otherwiſe. And after theſame patentes, for conſiderations theim mouyng, haue ſurrendred and geuen vp,their ſaide letters Patentes into the Chauncerie, or otherwiſe theſame letters Patentes,haue bene forfaited by attainder,loſt cancelled imbeciled, or by other wayes or meanes, haue come to the handes of the kinges Maieſtie his late father. And thereupon oft times the enrollement of theſame,hath bene māde voide & fruſtrate,ſome time in part and ſome time in the whole,by reaſon whereof,ſuche plons,bodies politique or corporate, as haue had intereſt, or title,in, or to theſame caſtels,mannours,or particular portions or percels of theſame ſo to thē geuē and graunted,haue bene in tyme paſt, & in tyme to come,are lyke to be diſherited,or in daunger of loſſe of their intereſt,in or to theſame, to their no litle hinderaunce and perill: For remedie wherof,be it ordeined,eſtabliſhed & enacted,by the aucthorite of this preſent parliament

that

that al & euery person or persons,bodies politique or corporat,whiche lawfullie shal or maye claime by force of any patent or patētes,made sithens thesayde.xiii.date of Februarie, or hereafter to bee made by the Kynges maiestie,his heyres or successours,kynges of this Realme,or by any of theim,and all other that now haue,or hereafter shal happen to haue, any good, or lawfull estate, right,title,rent,profit,interest,or possession,of in,to or out of any honours,manours,landes,tenementes hereditamentes,or offices,or of other thynges, to any of the premisses apperteignyng, or belongyng, or to any parte, parcell or membre of theim or any of theim,by,from or vnder any suche Patent, or patents, or any of theim,or by,from,or vnder the heires,successours,or assignes of them,or any of them,or by,frō or vnder the state of any others,which had,haue or hereafter shall haue the state, title,or interest,of any suche Patente,or patentees,or by any other meanes vnder the date of suche letters Patētes,shal and maie at al times hereafter,in any the Kinges courtes,his heires or successours,and els where,by vertue of this present act,make and conuele vnto theim selfe title by waie of declaracion plainte,auourie,title,barre,or otherwise,aswel against ỹ kinges highnes his heiers & successours,and euery of theim, as against any other person or persons,vnto thesaide honours, castels,mannours, landes, tenementes, offices, and other the premisses,or any parte or parcell of thesame,vnto thē,or any their predecessours or auncestours,or others, whose estate thei haue in thesame,by,from,or vnder thesaid patētes,or any of them or theires, auncestors,or assignes of any of theim,or other wise,vnder the date of thesaide letters patentes,compriled and conteined in any exemplificacion or constat thereof made or to bee made,by the shewyng forth of thesaid exemplificacion or constat of the Rolle,or of so muche thereof, as shall serue for the matter in variaunce, vnder the great Seale of Englande.And thesame exemplificacion,or constat of thesaide enrollement,so as is aforesaide,pleaded and shewed,shalbe of lyke and thesame force and effect, to all intentes & constructions in the law,as thesaide first letters patentes were,and should be of,if thesame were or should be pleaded or shewed.

¶ The.v.Chapiter.

An act, for the punishement of vnlawfull assembles. and risyng of the Kynges Subiectes.

FOrasmuche, as it is moste necessary,in a Common wealth, to prouide that tranquilitie and peace, maye bee continued in the realme, and that all thynges beyng contrary therunto maye by foresight be eschewed: Therefore it isordeigned, and enacted, by the Kyng our souereign Lord, with the assent of the lordes and Commons, of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that yf any

any persones, to the nombre of. xij. or aboue, beeyng assembled together at any tyme, after the. xij. day of February, next comming, shal intende, go aboute, practise, or put in vre, with force of armes, vnlawfullye, and of their own auctoritie, to murder, kil, slay, take or imprison, any of the kynges moste honourable priuey Counsayll, or vnlawfullye to alter or chaunge any lawes, made or established for Religion, by auctoritie of Parliament, or any other Lawes or Estatutes of thys Realme, or anye of them. The same nombre of. xij. or aboue, beyng commaũded or required by the Shirife of the Shire, or by any Justice of Peace of the same Shire, or by the Maior, Shirifes, Justices of Peace, or Bailifes of any Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporate, where any such assemble shalbe vnlawfully had or made, by Proclamacyon in the kynges name, to retier and repayre to their owne houses, habitaciõs or places, from whẽce they came, and they, or any of them, notwythstanding suche Proclamacion, shall remaygne and make their abode, or continue together, by the space of one whole Houre, after suche Commaundemente or requeste, made by Proclamacion, or after that shall wullyngly, inforceable and riotous maner, attempt to do, or put in vre, any the thynges aboue specefyed: That then aswell euery such abode, or continuing together, as euery such acte or offence, that after such Proclamacion, commaundement, or request, had or made, shalbe attempted to be done, practysed, or put in vre by any persones, beynge of the nombre aforesayd, shalbee iudged hygh treason, in al and synguler those persones, that so shall make their abode, or continue together, or shall attempt or commit anye suche acte, & the offendors therein, their aidours, abettours, and procurers, to be adiudged Traytours, to the kynge, and the Realme, and shal suffre execution of death, as in cace of high Treason.

And further more be it enacted, ordeigned and established, by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf any persones to the sayd nomber of. xij. or aboue, after the said. xij. day of February, shal intend, go about, practise, or put in vre, in maner and forme aforesayd, to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, cast doune, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Ditches, or other closure of any Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Grounde Enclosed, or the Bankes of any Fysh Ponde or Poole, or any Conduites for water, Cõduite Heddes, or Conduit Pipes, hauyng course of water, to the intent that the same or any of them, frõ thencefurth should remayne open, not inclosed or voyde, or vnlawfully to haue Common, or waye in the sayde Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Grounde Inclosed, or in any of them, or to destroy the Dere, in any maner of Parkes or Parke, or any Warreins or Warrein of Conies, or any Douehouses, or anye Fishe in any Pond or Poole, or to pul or cut doun, any houses, barnes, milles, or Bayes, or to burne anye Stackes of Corne or Graine, or to abate, defalke, or dimynysh the Rentes, or yerely value of anye Manours, Landes or Tenementes, or the Price, of any Victuall, Corne or Grayne, or

any other thyng, vsuall for the sustenaunce of men: and being requyred or commaunded, by any Justice of Peace, or by the Shirife of the countie, or by the Maior, Bailife or Bailifes, or other hed officers of any hed Citie, or Towne Corporate, where such assemble shalbe had, by proclamacion, to be made in the Kynges name, to retier or returne, in peaceable maner to their habitacions, Places and Houses, from whence they came, and they or any of theim, notwithstandyng suche Proclamacion, shall remayne or make their abode, or continue together, by the space of one whole houre, after such commaundement or request, made by proclamacion, or after that shall in forcible maner, attempte to do, or put in vre, any of the thinges laste before mencyoned: That then aswell euery suche abode, or continuinge together, as euery such acte, that after such proclamacion, commaundemente, or request, had or made, shalbe done, practysed or put in vre, by any persones, being aboue the nombre of. xij. shalbe adiudged Felony, and the offendors therein to be adiudged Felons, and shal suffre the execucion of death, as in cace of Felony, & euery of thesame persones, to lose the benefite of his Clergie & Sanctuary.

And also, it is ordeygned and enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesaid, that yf any person or persones, after the sayd. xij. day of February, vnlawfully and wythout aucthoritie, by ryngyng of any bell or belles, soūdinge of any Dromme, Trompet, Horne, or other instrument whatsoeuer, or by fieryng of any Beacon, or by malicious speaking, or vttering of any wordes, or makynge any outcrye, or by settinge vp, or castyng of any bylles, bil, or writing whatsoeuer, or by any other dede or acte, shal rayse, or cause to be raysed or assembled, any persones, to the nombre of twelue or aboue, to thintent that the same persones should do, commit, and put in vre, any of the actes or thynges, aboue mencyoned, and that the persones, to the nombre of. xij. or aboue, so raysed and assembled, after request or commaundement, had or geuen in fourme afore said, shall make their abode, or continue together, as is aforesayd, or vnlawfully perpetrate, do, commit, or put in vre, any of the actes, or thynges aboue sayd, that then all and synguler persones, by whose speaking, dede, act, or any other the meanes aboue specefied, anye persones to the nomber of. xij. or aboue, shalbe raysed and assembled for the doyng, committing, or puttyng in vre, any of the actes or thynges aboue mencyoned, shalbe adiudged for his so speakyng or doyng, a Felon, & shall suffre execucion of death, as in cace of Felony, and shall lose his benefyte of Sanctuarye and Clergie.

And ouer that, it is ordeygned and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that yf any persones, to the nomber of. xl. and aboue, after thesaid xij. day of February, shalbe assembled together, inforcible maner vnlaufully, and of their owne aucthoritie, to thintent to do, exercyse, or put in vre, any of the thynges aboue mencyoned, or to do any other Trayterous, Felonious, or Rebellious acte or actes, and so shall contynue by the

the ſpace of two houres, that thē euery perſone, ſo beyng willingly aſſembled, in forcible maner, and ſo continuyng, by the ſpace of two houres, ſhalbe adiudged a Traytor to the kyng, & to the Realme, and ſhall ſuffre execucion of death, as in cace of high treaſon.

And alſo, that yf any wife or ſeruaunt of any of theſame perſones, or any other perſone whatſoeuer, ſhal wyllingly and without compulſion bryng, ſende, deliuer, or conueigh any money, harneis, artillary, weapō, meate, breade, drinke, or other Victual, to anye perſone or perſones, ſo being aſſembled, as is afore ſaid, durynge ſuche tyme, as he or they ſhall ſo be aſſembled, or be together, as is afore ſaid: that then euery wyfe, ſeruaunt, or other perſon ſo bringinge, ſending, deliuering, or conueighing any money, harneis, artillery, weapon, meate, breade, drinke, or victual to the ſame perſones, ſo beyng aſſembled together, in forcible maner, or to any of them, ſhalbe adiudged a Traitor, to the king & to the Realm, & ſhall ſuffre execucion of death, as in cace of high treaſon.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctheritie aboueſayed, that euery perſone, that at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe attainted, of or for, any of the Treaſons, or Treaſon, aboue mencyoned, ſhall vpon his ſayd attendour, forfeit his Goodes, Cattalles, Intereſtes, for terme of lyfe and of yeres, landes, Tenementes, & other hereditamentes, in lyke maner and forme, as any perſon attaynted of Felony, onely ſhould, or ought to forfeit, by the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwyſe, that is to ſay, the King to haue the yere, and daye, and waſt of ſuche Landes and Tenementes, wherof anye perſon ſo attaynted, ſhall at the tyme of the Treaſon committed, or at any tyme after, haue, an eſtate of Fee ſimple, and alſo the goodes and Cattalles, real and perſonall. And that the Lordes, of whom, the ſaied Landes & Tenementes, or any parte thereof ſhalbe holden, to haue and enioye the Landes and Tenementes, holden of him or them for euer, in ſuch the ſame maner and forme, as in caſes of attaindor of Felony, at the common lawe. And that euery perſone, that at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe attaynted of any of the Treaſons afore ſayde, ſhall forfeit the landes and Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, whereof he ſhalbe ſeazed, of anye ſtate in Taill, or for Terme of life or lyfes, at the tyme of any ſuche Treaſon committed, or at any tyme after, durying his lyfe onely, & no lenger, onleſſe the perſon ſo attaynted, ſhalbe thereof ſeazed in his demeaſne, as of fee at the tyme of the ſayd treaſon committed, or at any time after. And that after the deceaſe of the ſame perſon, ſo attainted, all & ſinguler ſuch perſones and perſone, as ſhoulde haue had and enioyed ſuche Landes, Tenementes and other Hereditamentes, as any perſone, that at anye tyme hereafter ſhalbe attainted, of, or for, any Treaſon aboue ſpecified, ſhall fortune to be ſeazed, of any eſtate in tayll, or for terme of lyfe, at the tyme of any ſuch treaſon committed, or at any tyme after, ſhal after the death of the ſame perſone, that ſo ſhal fortune to be attaynted, haue and

enioye the ſaid Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as though no ſuche attaindor had been had, any law or vſage, to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aboueſaied, that if any perſones, aboue the nombre of two, & vnder the nomber of .xij. beeyng aſſembled together, at any tyme after the ſaid .xij daie of February, ſhall intende, go aboute, practiſe, or putte in vre, with force of armes, vnlawfully, and of their awne auctoritie, to murder, kill, or ſlaie, any of the kynges Maieſties ſubiectes, or to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, caſt doune, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Diches, Wall, or other cloſure of any Parkes, Parke or other ground encloſed, or the banke of any Fiſhe Ponde or Poole, to the intent that theſame, or any of them, from thēceforthe, ſhould remaigne open, not encloſed, or voide or to haue Common, or waie in theſame Parkes or Parke, or other groundes or ground encloſed, or in any of them, or to deſtroy anye maner of Parkes or Parke, or Fiſhe Pond or Poole, or any Warreins or Warrein of Conies, or any Douehouſes, or to pull, or cutte doune any houſe, Barne, Mill, or to burne any ſtackes of Corne or grain, or alter defalke, or abate the Rentes or yerely value of any Manours, Lādes or tenementes, of any the kynges ſubiectes, or the price of any victuall, Corne, or grain, or any other thyng vſuall for the ſuſtenaunce or apparell of men, and beyng required or commaunded by any Juſtice of the Peace, or the Shirief of the countie, or by any Maior, Bailifes, or Bailief, or other hed officer, of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, where ſuch aſſemble ſhalbe had, by Proclamacion, to be made in the kynges name, to retier, or returne to their habitacions, places, or houſes, & they ſo required by ſuche Proclamacion, ſhall not ſo dooe, but after that, ſhall in forcible maner, in forme aforeſaied, attempte to do, or put in vre, any of the thynges laſt aboue mencioned: that then euery of theſame perſons beyng aboue the nombre of two, and vnder the nombre of .xij. ſhall ſuffre impriſonmēt, of his or their bodies, by the ſpace of one yere, without baill or mainpriſe, and ſhall make fine and raunſome, at the kynges will & pleaſure. And alſo, that if any perſone or perſones, at any time after the ſayd .xij. daie of Februarie, ſhalbe dāpnefied or hurted, by the doing, committyng, or puttyng in vre, of any vnlawful act, or thyng aboue mēcioned: That then all and ſynguler perſones, ſo dampnified or hurte, ſhall recouer and haue dammages, with the coſtes of their ſuite, ſuſtened in that behalfe, trebled againſt the offendours there in.

¶ And for ſomuche, as ſuche euill diſpoſed perſones, whiche of late tyme made Commocions and Rebellion, in certain places, within this Realme, beyng but fewe in nombre, at ſuche tyme, as thei did begin the ſame commocion, were not in ſhorte tyme, after the begynnyng thereof, ſuppreſſed by ſtrength, for that the kynges louing Subiectes, for feare to incurre in daunger of the lawes of this realme, durſte not take vpon

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theim so to do, a greate nombre of euill disposed persones, did come and ioyne themselues, to the sayd small nombre, wherby the same euill disposed persones, toke vpon theim such boldnes, that they would not be reduced to obedience, without muche bloudshedynge, to the great daunger of the kinges Maiesties persone, where, yf the kinges louing subiectes, durst haue taken vpon them, to haue suppressed theim at the beginninge, suche inconuenience and bloudshed, should not haue folowed: therfore it is also ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any persones, aboue the nomber of two, that at anye tyme, after the said .xx. day of February, shalbe vnlawfully, and of their owne auctoritie assembled together, to the intent with force and armes, to do, practyse, or put in vre, any of the thynges aboue mencyoned, that then it shalbe lawfull, to euery Justice of Peace, and to euery Shirief, in any Countie, being wythin the kynges Dominions, and to euery Maior, Bailife, and other hed officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, for the tyme he shalbe in Office, or any other persone or persones, hauyng the kynges Commission, or Letters from his hyghnes, or his priuey counsayll, aswell to rayse and assemble the kynges louinge subiectes, in maner of warre, to be arrayed, in suche great nombre as he or they, thē shal thynke mete or able, to the intent, by violence and strength to suppresse, apprehende, & take the said persones, that so shalbee vnlawfullye assembled. And that yf the sayde persones, so vnlawfully assembled, after such commaundement, or request by Proclamacion or otherwyse made, shal continue together, and not endeuour theimselues, to returne towardes their habytacyons, houses or places, frō whence they came in such short tyme, as they may conueniently: that then it shalbe lefull to euerye Justice of Peace, Shirife, and also to euery Maior, Bailife, and other hed Officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, and to euery other person, hauing auctoritie, as is afore sayde, after such commaundement, or request by Proclamacion made, and to suche persones, as shalbee assembled, with any Justice of Peace, or Shirife, or with any Maior, Bailife, or other hed officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, and with euery other persone hauyng auctoritie, as is afore sayde, to suppresse, apprehend, and take those persons, so vnlawfully assembled, which after such request made, shall continue together, and not endeuor themselues to returne, towarde their habitacions, or places frō whence they came. And that yf the sayd persones, so vnlawfully assembled together, or anye of them shall fortune to be kylled, slayne, maymed, or hurte in, or about the suppressyng, or takyng of them: that then euery suche Justice of Peace, Shirife, Maior, Bailife, and other hed officer, and euery other person, hauyng auctoritie as is aforesaide, and all and synguler persones, by him or theim assembled, shalbe free, discharged, and vnpunisheable, aswell agaynst the kyng, as agaynst all and euery other persone and persones, of, for, or concernyng the killinge, slaying, maymyng, and hurting

of anye perſone or perſones, ſo vnlawfully aſſembled, that ſhall fortune to be killed, ſlain, maimed or hurte, about, or by occaſyon of ſuppreſſyng or takyng of theim.

And furthermore, bee it enacted, by auctho*r*itie aforeſayde, that all and euery Copiholder, or Cuſtumary holder, beinge artificer, huſbanman, or laborer, and beyng of the age of .xxiij. yeres or more, and vnder the age of .lx. yeres, not ſicke, impotent, lame, maymed, ne hauinge anye other iuſt, or reaſonable excuſe, or cauſe to the cõtrary, and being required by the Shirife, Juſtice, or Juſtices of Peace, or other hauynge auctho*r*itie by this acte, or by Commiſſion, or Letters, as is aboueſayd in that behalfe, (they declaryng their ſayd auctho*r*itie) or beyng required by the immediate lorde or lordes, of whom ſuch Copiholdes, or Cuſtumary holdes, then ſhalbe holden, to ſerue the kynges Maieſtie, for any the cauſes aboue reherced, and refuſe ſo to do, ſhall only during the life, of ſuche perſon or perſones, ſo refuſyng, forfeyte and loſe, to his or their Lorde or Lordes, of whome ſuche Copy or Cuſtumary holdes, thē ſhal be immedyatly holden, and ſhoulde be holden, durynge the lyfe of ſuche perſon or perſones ſo refuſyng, in caſe he or they had not ſo refuſed, all their Copiholdes, and Cuſtomarie holdes. And that it ſhalbee lawfull, to euery ſuch Lorde or lordes, their Heyres or Aſſignes, of whom ſuch Copiholdes, or Cuſtomary holdes, ſhalbee immedyatlye holden, and ſhoulde haue bene holden, in caſe that ſuch perſon or perſones, had not ſo refuſed, by vertue of thys preſente acte, to entre and take into his or their handes or poſſeſſion, all ſuche Copiholdes, & Cuſtomary holdes, ſo holden of theim, or any of them immediatly: and to reteigne the ſame, durynge only the lyfe of euery ſuch offendour or offendoures, in ſuche maner and forme, as he or thei ſhould haue had the rentes or ſeruices, of ſuch Copyhold, and Cuſtomary hold, in caſe ſuche perſone or perſones ſo refuſyng, had not refuſed. And that all and euery Fermor being a yoman, huſbandman, artificer or laborer, and beyng of thage of .xxiij. yeres or more, and vnder the age of .lx. yeres, not ſicke, impotēt, lame, maimed, ne hauing any other iuſte or reaſonable excuſe, or cauſe to the contrary, and beyng required by the Shirife, Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or other, hauing auctho*r*itie by thys acte, or by Commiſſion or letters, as is aforeſaid, in this behalfe (they declaring their ſaid auctho*r*itie, or beyng required by their Landlord or landelordes, for the time beeyng, to whome the Rentes of ſuch Fermes, ſhalbe then rylyng, comming or growyng, to ſerue the Kynges Maieſtie, for any the cauſes aboue reherſed, and refuſe ſo to doo, ſhall duryng onely the lyfe, of ſuche Fermoure or Fermours ſo refuſyng, forfeyt and loſe, to ſuch Landlord and landlordes, as ſhoulde haue had the rentes, of ſuche Fermours, during the life and lyfes, of ſuch perſon and perſones ſo refuſing, all their ſayd Fermes. And that it ſhalbe lefull, to euery ſuche Landelorde and Landelordes, their Heires and Aſſignes, to whom, the Rentes of ſuch

Fermes,

Fermes, shoulde haue bene due, durynge the life of such persone or persones, so refusynge, in cace suche person or persones, had not so refused, by vertue of this present acte, to enter and take into hys or their hādes or possession, all suche Fermes, and to retein the same, duringe onlye the lyfe, of euery suche offendor or offendours. Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that after the death, of euery such Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, as so shall offend and forfeit, anie of the sayd Copie holdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes as is aforesayd, that then all and euery suche person and persones, as should or ought, to haue had thesayd Copy holdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes, after, or by the deathe of suche Copyholder, Customary holder, or Fermore, in cace such Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, had not so offended, ne forfeyted, shal and maye haue the same Copie holdes Customary holdes, and Fermes, by Entre, Accion, Admission, or otherwyse in lyke maner forme, and condicion, and by suche wayes and meanes, as they and euery of theim should, myght, or ought to haue had, yf no suche forfeyture, or offence had bene had, done or committed.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any persone or persones, after thesayde. xij. day of February, by open worde or deede, shall procure, moue, or stirre any other persone or persones, to aryse, and make any Trayterous or rebellious assemble, to the intent to do, exercyse, or put in vre, any of the thinges aboue mencyoned: that then euery persone so procuring, mouing, or stirryng any other, shall therfore be demed, and adiudged a Felon, and suffre paynes of deathe, and forfeyte hys goodes, Cattalles, Landes, and Tenementes, as in case of Felony, and shall also lese the benefyte of hys Clergie and Sanctuary.

And also, be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any persone or persones, whiche at any tyme, after the same day, shalbe spoken vnto, moued, or stirred, to make any commocion, insurreccion, or vnlawful assemble, for any of the intentes aboue mencyoned, and dooe not wythin. xxiiij. houres next after he or they, shalbe spoken vnto, moued, or stirred (onlesse he shall haue a good and reasonable cause of excuse) declare the same to one Justice of peace, or Shirife of the said countie, or to the Maior, Shirifes, Bailife, or Bailifes, or other hed Officer, of any citie or Towne Corporate, where suche speaking, mocion, or stirryng shalbe had, shall suffre imprisonmente, vntyl he shalbe discharged, by three Justices of Peace, of the same Shire, where the offence shalbe whereof one of thesayd Justices, shalbe of the Quorum.

And it is ordeygned and enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesaid, that yf any persone or persones, beyng aboue the age of. xviij. yeres, and vnder the age of. lx. yeres, beyng able to serue, and not sicke, lame or impotēt, shalbe requyred, by any Justice of the peace, or any Shirif of any Countie, where any suche assemble shalbe, or by any Maior, Bailife, or

other hed officer, of any Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporat, or by any other, by the commaundement of any suche Justice of Peace, Shirife, Maior, Bailife, or other hed officer, to go with him or them, to suppresse the persones, vnlawfully assembled, in maner and forme aforesayd: that then euery persone, so being able and required, do willingly and obstynately, refuse so to do, shall suffre imprisonmēt of his body, for one yere, without baile or mainprise, and make fine and raunsome, at the kynges wyll and pleasure.

Prouided alwayes, and it is enacted, by the auctheritie aboue sayed, that yf the king, shall by his Letters Patentes, make any Lieutenaūt, in any Countie or Counties of this Realme, for the suppressing of anye Commocion, Rebellion, or vnlawfull assemble: that then aswell all Justices of Peace, of euery suche Countie, and the Shirifes, and Shirife of the same, as all Maiors, Bailifes, and other hed Officers, and all inhabitauntes & subiectes, of any Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporat, within euery such Countie, shall vpon the declaracion of the sayed Letters Patentes, and request made, bee bounde to geue attendaunce, vpon the same Lieutenaunt, to suppresse any commocio, rebellion, or vnlawfull assemble, onelesse he or they, beyng so required, haue any reasonable excuse, for hys not attendaunce, vpon pein and imprisonment for one whole yere.

And be it further enacted, by the auctheritie afore sayde, that the ordre and forme, of the Proclamacions, that shalbe made by the auctheritie of this Acte, shalbe as hereafter foloweth, or wyth the lyke ordre, & wordes in effect, that is to saie: the Justice or other person, auctherysed by this Acte, to make the said Proclamacion, shall make, or cause to bee made, an Oyes, and after that, shall openlye pronounce, or cause to bee pronounced these wordes, or like in effecte. ¶ The king our souereigne Lorde, chargeth and commaundeth, all persons beynge assembled, immedyatly to disperse theimselfes, and peaceably to departe, to their habitacions, or to their lawfull busynes, vpon the peynes conteined in the Acte, lately made agaynste vnlawfull and Rebellious Assembles, And God saue the kyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, by the auctheritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persones, do, or shall molest, let, hynder, or hurte, anye persone or persones, that shall Proclayme, or goo to Proclayme, accordyng to the Proclamacion and ordre, made in the Statute aforesayed, whereby, suche Proclamacion shall not be made: that then al and euery suche persone and persones, so molestyng, lettyng, hynderyng, or hurtyng, and all and euery suche persone or persones, offendor, or offendors, to whome, any suche Proclamacion, or Proclamacions, should or ought to be made, to the intent aforesayed, shal incurre, and be in like daunger, and suffre lyke pein or peynes, and forfeytures as aforesayde, in euery of their degrees, as though the Proclamacion had bene made,

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any clause, article, or sentence, heretofore in thys acte included, made to the contrary notwithstandyng. And be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that thys acte shalbe openly red, at euery quarter Sessions. SAVYNG to the Bishop of Duresme, and Bishoppe of Ely, and all other that haue Charter of the Countie Palentine, & to their successors, the yere, day, and waste, in suche sorte, as by thesayde Charter they had, or might haue had thesame, yf thys acte had neuer been had ne made: this acte or any thyng therin conteigned, to the contrary notwithstanding. SAVYNG also, to al and euerye persone and persons, and heires in taill, bodies politique and Corporate, their heires, successors, and executors and to euery of them, other then to such person and persones onely, as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed for any of the forsayd offences, of Felony or Treason, & their heires, or the heires of any of them, claimyng by discent in fee simple, from them, or any of them, all suche ryght tytle, entre, interest, leasses, possession, rentes, condicions, profites, commodities, and aduauntages, as thei, or any of thē hath, or hereafter shal haue, or of right ought to haue, in, or to any Honors, Castles, Manoures, Landes, Tenemētes, Woodes, Rentes, Reuercyōs, Seruices, or Hereditamētes whatsoeuer, or, in, or to any part or parcell therof, to be forfeited, for any of the offences aforesayd, as yf suche attaindor or forfeyture, had neuer bene had ne made, any thinge in this acte to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandynge. AND sauyng to all and euery body; & bodies politique & corporat, and their successors, their liberties and fraunchises, in suche maner & forme, as yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made. This acte to continue to the ende of the nexte Parliamēt.

¶ The. vi. Chapter.

¶ An Acte, concerninge the repeale of a braunche, of an Acte of Parliament, made in the last Sessyon for buying of Tanned Lether.

WHere at youre Maiesties Parliamente, holden at Westminster, vpon Prorogacyon, the. xiiij. daye of Marche, in thys present thirde yere of youre moste vyctoryous reygne, emongest other thynges it was enacted, that no persone occupiyng the feate or misterye, of Coriar, Cordewayner, Sadler, Cobler, Girdeler, Letherseller, Bottelmaker, or anye other Artyfycer, shoulde from, and after the feast of Myghelmas, then nexte folowynge, sell, or cause to be solde, or put to sale, anye Backes or Hides, of anye Englyshe kynde, of tanned Lether vnwrought, or in such kind, as he shoulde buy the same, (Calues skynnes onelye excepted) vpon peyne of forfeytynge for euery Hide, Backe, or percell of Lether, that he or they should so sell, cōtrary to the sayd statute. x. shyllinges. Sithē the making of which act,, great and innumerable inconueniences hath, & hereafter is lyke to come therof. First, neyther Girdler, Cordwainer

Sadler

Sadler, Malemaker, Bottelmaker, or any other artificer, vsing tãned lether in their arte, is, or shalbe able, at any tyme, at any instant, to serue the Kinges Maiestie, his nobles, lordes, & commons, either of Bootes, Shooes, Girdles, Saddels, Barehides, Males, Cofers, Pottes, or other thinges made of lether for that the most part of thartificers aforsaid, been poore men, not alwayes able to prouide store, of such sortes of lether, as should serue their turne, in makinge of suche thinges, as is before mencioned, but must of necessitie, prouide suche lether, one of theim of another, as euer heretofore, they haue accustomed to do, whych now by force, of the extremitie of thesaid act, they may not do, which is vnto the great hurt and hynderaunce, aswell of the kynges Maiestie, as of his nobles lordes, and commõs, for that they, and euery of them, be driuen of necessitie, to buy their lether, of a fewe persones, which, been onely mere regrators of thesaid Lether, at greate, high, and vnreasonable prices, to the great hurt of the common wealth, wherby thesayd artificers been not able, to forde thesayd waresmade therof, so good chepe, as they haue done hertofore. And also by reason of the forsaid restreint or bondage, of the forsaid artificers, from buiyng and sellinge of lether, there is no mã sithe that tyme, wyllynge to sette, or put his or their children to be prentice, with any of the foresayd artificers: for that not onely they, and euery of theim, been brought in suche bondage, by reason of thesayd acte, but also by the meanes whereof, are neuer lyke to growe, to any necessary substaunce, neither by the exercyse of their sayde handy craftes, to sustayne the necessities, of their old age withal, and not onely that, but also in all cities, boroughes, corporate townes, thereby they lose benefite & comoditie, of their Charter and Fredome. For reformacion whereof, be it enacted, by thauctoritie of this present Parliament that it shalbe lawfull from henceforth, to, and for euery of thesayd artyficers, or handy craftes of menne, exprelled or named in the forsayd acte to buy and sell, all maner of tanned lether, corried, or not corried, so that suche shalbe conuerted, by suche buyer or buyers, vnto anye kynde of wares, or other thynges, made of tanned lether, within this Realme of Englande, or other the kinges dominions, anye wordes, penalties, or forfeitures, comprysed or specefied, in the aboue remembred acte, to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this present acte, shall endure, but onely vnto the ende of the next Parliamente.

¶ The. vij. Chapter.

¶ An Acte, for the repeale of a Statute, made in the xxb. yere of the reygne of king Henry theyght touchyng the takyng of Wyldfoule, at certayne tymes of the yere.

Where

WHere in the. xxv. yere of the reygne, of youre Maiesties father, of moſt famous memory, kynge Henrye the eight, an acte was made, concerninge two braunches, whereof, the one was agaynſte the takynge of wyldfoule, betwene the laſte daye of Maye, and the laſt day of Auguſt, wyth anye Nettes or engyns, vpon a peyne limitted therevpon, as in the ſayde Statute, more largely doeth appere: foraſmuche, as the occaſyon of the ſayd braunches, apperethe ſithen to haue ryſen, but vpon a pryuate cace, and that no maner of common commoditie, is ſithen perceyued, to bee growen of the ſame, beyng notablye, by daylye experience founde, and knowen, that there is at thys preſente, leſſe plentie of foule, broughte vnto the Markettes, then was before the makynge of the ſayde Acte, whyche is taken to come of the punyſhmente of GOD, whoſe benefyte was thereby, taken awaye from the poore people, that were wonte to lyue by their ſkyll, in takynge of the ſayde foule, whereby, they were wont at that tyme, to ſuſtaine theimſelfes, with their poore houſholdes to the greate ſauynge of other kindes of Victuall, of the whyche ayde, they are nowe deſtitute, to their greate and extreme impouerſhyng: Humbly beſeechen youre grace, your Maieſties true and faythful Subiectes, eſpecyally ſuch, as haue their places of habitacyon nigh vnto the Fennes, that all that braunche of the ſaide Acte made in the ſayde. xxv. yere, of your graces ſayde father of moſte noble memory, touching the takynge of wildfoule, in maner as is aboue ſaide, may be from hēcefurth by youre Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the cōmons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctho[illegible]itie of the ſame, repealed, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte, wyth all and euery artycle, ſentence, matter, peynes annd forfeytures, conteigned or otherwyſe mencyoned, in the ſayd braunch, as yf the ſame acte had neuer bene had ne made.

Prouyded, and be it enacted, by the auctho[illegible]itie aboueſayd, that one other braunche, conteyned in the ſayd Acte, concernyng ſuche perſones as ſhall preſume by daye, or nyght, willingly to withdrawe, purloyne, take, deſtroy, or conueygh, any maner of Egges, of any kynde of Wyldfoule, from or in any neſt, place or places, where they ſhall chaunce to be layed, by any kynd of Wyldfoule, wyth euery Artycle, Sentence, Matter, Paynes, Forfaytures, and Prouiſions, conteygned, or mencyoned in thys ſayde laſte braunche, ſhall ſtande in full ſtrength and effecte to al purpoſes, intentes, and conſtruccyons, as yf thys preſent acte had neuer bene had, or made.

¶ The. viij. Chapter.

¶ An Acte, for the contynuaunce of the Statute of Sewers.

Where

WHere in the Parliamente holden at Westmynster, by Prorogacio the .xv. day of January, in the .xviij. yere of the most victorious Reygne of our late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, emonge other thinges, one generall Acte, concerning Commissions of Sewers, to be directed into al partes within this realm, was enacted and made to continue & endure for twe-tye yeres, then nexte folowynge, as by the same Acte, more at large it doeth and may appere. And forasmuche as the same Acte is thoughte good and beneficiall for the Common wealthe of thys Realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeygned, by the kynge oure Souereygne lord, wyth the assente of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys presente Parliamente assembled, and by the auctho ritie of the same, that the sayde Acte, and all clauses, artycles, and prouisions in the same conteigned, shall continue and endure in their force, and strengthe, and to be obserued and kept for euer, in suche maner & forme, as shall and maye stande wyth the sequell and addicions, hereafter mencyoned.

And be it further enacted and established, by thauctho ritie aforesaid that all shottes, lottes, and sommes of money hereafter to be rated and tared, by vertue of such Cõmission of Sewers, vpon any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, of our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires or successors, for any maner of thyng or thinges, concerning the artycles of the said commission of Sewers, shalbe gathered and leuied by distresse or otherwyse, in lyke maner and forme, as shal or maye be done in the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of any other person or persones: And that all Billes of Acquitaunce, sygned wyth the hand, or handes of such Collector or Receyuor, as shal haue the collection therof by the appoyntmẽt of the sayd commissioners, or .vi. of thẽ, shalbe aswel a sufficient discharge, to the Tenauntes, Fermors and occuppyers of the same groundes, so to be charged, for the sayde somme, wherwith their groundes shalbe so charged, as also a sufficient waraunt, to all & euery the Receuors, Auditors, and other, whatsoeuer Officer or Officers, of oure sayd souereigne lord the kyng, his heyres, and Successors, for the allowaũce to suche Tenaunt, Fermor or Occupier for the same, addyng more ouer to this acte, by auctho ritie of this present Parliament, that suche and lyke Fees, and none other, no more, shalbe at any tyme payed or demaunded, for any Commission, or Commissions, or wrytes of *dedimus potestatem* hereafter to be sued oute, or obteygned vnder the Seale of the Duchi, but onlye such and lyke Fees, as bene mencyoned in the sayd former Acte, to be payd in the Chauncerie, for commissions and wrytes of *dedimus potestatem* to be optayned frõ the same Courte of Chauncerie, addyng moreouer therunto, by thauctho ritie abouesaid, that euery cõmi ssion and cõmissions, hereafter to be awarded for Sewers shall cõtinue

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and endure for terme of .v. yeres, next after the ceste of such commission, vnles thesame commission and commissions, shalbe otherwise discharged, within thesame time by supersedeas, any thyng or thinges mencioned, or conteyned in thesaid former acte, contrary to the additions before mencioned or any of them, in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The. ix. Chapter.

¶ An acte for bieng of rawe hydes and Calues skynnes.

For asmuche as lether is growen to an vnreasonable price, whereby the kynges subiectes are not able at this daie to prouide them seltes, suche necessaries thereof made, as shoes, and bootes, and such like, at any resonable price as thei heretofore haue done, to the bitter enpouerishmēt of diuers the kynges louyng and obedient subiectes: whiche sayed vnreasonable prices of lether, doeth onely growe and rise by reason of the vnsaciable desyre of diuers & sundry persones being no Tanners, whithe dayly in euery market and other place doo buy and regrate grene hydes, in the heere and out of the heere to their handes, to the intent to sell thesame to their owne lucre and gayne: Bee it therefore enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, the lordes, spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that no persone or persones within this Realme, shall from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady next comming, buy or cause to be bought any Calue skinnes or hydes in the heare, or out of the heare, to the intent to sell agayn thesame vntanned, except onely suche person and persons, as wil tanne or tawe thesame, vppon payne to forfaite for euery skynne or hyde so bought, to thintent to sell agayne, as aforesaied. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to bee vnto our souereigne Lorde the kyng: The other halfe to hym or them that wyll sue for thesame, in any of the kynges courtes, by Byll, Playnt or other lawfull proces, wherein no protēccion or wager of Lawe, nor yet any Essoyne to the partie defendaunt shalbe allowed or admitted.

¶ The. x. Chapter.

¶ An acte for the abholy shyng and puttyng away of diuerse bookes and Images.

Where the kynges moost excellent maiestie, hath of late set forth and established, by aucthoritie of parliamēt, an vnyforme quiet and godly order of cōmon and open prayer, in a booke intitled The booke of cōmon prayer, and administracion of the sacramentes, and other Rytes and Ceremonies, after the churche of Englande, to be vsed and obserued in thesaid Churche of Eng-

land, agreable to thordre of the primatiue Churche, muche more comfortable vnto his louing subiectes, then other diuersitie of Seruice, as heretofore of long tyme hath bene vsed, being in thesaid boke ordeined nothing to be redde, but the very pure worde of God, or whiche is euidently grounded vpon thesame, & in the other thinges corrupt, vntrue, vayne, and superstitious, and as it were a preparacion to superstition, whiche for that they be not called in, but permitted to remayne vndefaced, do not onely geue occasion to suche peruerse persones, as do impugne the ordre and godly meanyng of the kynges said boke of common prayer, to continue in their olde accustomed superstitious seruice, but also minister great occasion to diuersitie of Opinions, Rytes, Ceremonies, and Seruices: Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commõs in this present parliament assembled, that all bookes called Antiphoners, Missalles, Grailes, Processionalles, Manuelles, Legendes, Pies, Portuasses, Prymers, in Latyn or Englysh, Couchers, Journalles, ordinalles, or other bookes or writinges, whatsoeuer heretofore vsed for Seruice of the churche, written or printed in the Englische or Latin tongue, other then suche as are or shalbe set furth by the kynges maiestie, shalbe by aucthoritie of this present acte, clearely and vtterly abholished extinguished, and forbidden for euer to be vsed or kept in this realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any persone or persones, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he, she or they be, body politique or corporate that nowe haue or hereafter shall haue in his, her or their custody, any the bookes or wrytynges of the sortes aforesaied, or any Images of Stone, Tymber, Allebaster, or earth, grauen, Carued or Painted, whiche heretofore haue bene taken out of any Churche or Chappel, or yet stande in any Church or Chappell, and do not before the last date of June next ensuyng, deface and destroie, or cause to be defaced and destroied, thesame Images, and euery of them, and deliuer or cause to be deliuered, all and euery thesame bookes to the Maior, Baylief, Constable, or Churchewardyns of the Towne, where suche bookes then shalbe, to bee by them delyuered ouer openly within three moonethes next folowyng, after thesayed delyuerey, to the Archebyshop, Byshop, Chauncellor, or Commissarie, of thesame dioces, to the intent thesaied Archebyshop, Byshop, Chauncellor, or Commissarie, and euery of them cause them Immediatly, eyther to be openly brent, or otherwaies defaced and destroyed, shall for euery suche booke or bookes, wyllyngly reteyned in his, her or their handes or custody, within this Realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions, and not deliuered as is aforesaied, after thesaied last date of June, and be thereof lawfully conuicte, forfaite and lose to the kyng our souereigne lorde, for the first offence. xx

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shillings, and for the second offence shal forfaite and lose, being therof lawfully conuict, foure poundes. And for the third offence, shall suffre imprisonment at the kynges wyll.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any Maiors, Baylieffes, Constables, or churchwardens, do not within three monethes after the receipte of thesame bookes, delyuer or cause to bee deliuered, suche bookes, as by them receyued, to the Archebyshop, Byshop, Chauncellor, or Commissaries of their dioces. And if thesaied Archebyshop, Byshoppes, Chauncellor, or Commissaries, do not within fourtie daies after the receipte of suche bokes, burne, deface, and destroye, or cause to be burned, defaced, or destroied thesame bookes, and euery of them, that then they and euery of them so offendyng, shall lose and forfeite to our soueraigne lorde the kyng, beyng therfore lawfully conuict, fourty poundes: The one half of all suche forfaytures, shalbe to any of the kynges Subiectes that wyll sue for thesame, in any of the kynges courtes of Record, by Byll, Playnt, action of debte, or informacion, in whiche action no Essoyne, Protection, waget of lawe, or other delay shalbe allowed.

And for better execucion of thesame acte, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that aswel Justices of assise in their circuites, as Justices of peace, within the lymites of there commission in the generall sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to enquire of the offences aforesaied, and to here and determine thesame in suche fourme as they may do in other suche like cases.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to any Image or picture, set or grauen vpon any tōbe in any churche, chappell, or churchyarde, onely for a monument of any kyng, Prynce, Noble man, or other dead persone, whiche hath not bene cōmonly reputed and taken for a saincte, but that al such pictures and Images may stande and cōtinue in like maner and fourme, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made, any thing in this acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaied, that any persone or persones, may vse, kepe, haue, and reteigne, any Prymers, in the Englyshe or Latyn toungue, set furth by the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, so that the sentences of inuocacion or prayer to saincte, in thesame Prymers, be blotted or clerely put out of thesame, any thyng in this Acte, to the contrary notwythstandyng.

The. xi. Chapter.

¶ An acte that the kynges Maiestie may nominate and appointe .xxxii. persones, to perule and make Ecclesiasticall lawes.

ALbeit the kynges mooſt excellent maieſtie, gouer-
nour and ruler vnder God of this Realme, ought,
moſt iuſtly to haue ỹ gouernement of his ſubiectes
& the determinacion of their cauſes, aſwell eccleſia-
ſticall as temporall, yet theſame as concerning ec-
cleſiaſticall cauſes hauyng not of long tyme bene
put in vre nor exercyſed, by the reaſon of the vſur-
ped aucthoritie of the byſchop of Rome, be not per-
fectly vnderſtand nor knowen of his ſubiectes, and therfore of neceſſite
aſwell for the abolyſhyng and putting to vtter oblyuion, the ſaid vſur-
ped aucthoritie, as for the neceſſary adminiſtracion of iuſtice, to his lo-
uing ſubiectes: It may pleaſe his highnes, that it may be enacted by
his moſt gracious aſſent, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall & tem-
porall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by
thaucthoritie of theſame, that the kynges maieſtie, ſhal from henceforth
duryng, thre yeres, haue ful power, aucthoritie and libertie, to nominat
and aſſigne by the aduyſe of his highnes counſaill, fyrtene perſones of
the clergie, wherof foure to be biſſhoppes, and ſixten perſons of the te-
poralte, wherof foure to be lerned in the common lawes of this Real-
me, to peruſe and examine the eccleſiaſticall lawes of long tyme here
vſed. And to gather, order and compyle ſuche lawes eccleſiaſticall, as
ſhalbe thought by his Maieſtie, his layed Counſayll, and them or the
more part of them, conuenient to bee vſed, practyſed, and ſet forth with
in this his Realme, and other his dominions, in all Spirituall or Ec-
cleſiaſticall Courtes and conuencions. And if after ſuche nomination
any of the perſones ſo to be nominated, happen to die, that then his
hyghnes by the aduyſe of his ſaied Counſaill, duryng the ſaied thre ye-
res, ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie, from tyme to tyme to nomi-
nate and aſſygne other in their places to ſupply the ſaied nomber of
two and thirty perſones. And that the ſaied two and thirty perſones ſo
nominate, as is aforeſaied, at all tymes from tyme to tyme duryng the
ſaied thre yeres, ſhal haue ful power and aucthoritie to aſſemble them
ſelfes by his hyghnes commaundement, for the perfit collection, com-
pylyng and orderyng of the ſayed lawes. And be it alſo enacted by the
aucthoritie aforeſaied, that ſuche lawes Eccleſiaſticall ſo compyled,
gathered and ordered by the ſaied two and thirty perſones or the more
nombre of them, and ſet forth, publyſhed and declared by the kynges
maieſties proclamacion, with the ſaid aduyſe vnder his hyghnes great
Seale, ſhal by vertue of this preſent acte, be onely taken, reputed, prac-
tyſed and put in vre for the kynges eccleſiaſticall lawes of this Real-
me, and no other, any lawe, ſtatute, vſage or preſcripcion, to the con-
trary thereof notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies, and it is ordeined and enacted by the aucthori-
tie aforeſaied, that no maner of perſone or perſones, ſhall at any tyme
hereafter

hereafter incurre, or bee in any contempt, payne, forfaiture or losse, or in daunger of any action, or suite of premunire, by meane or occasion of Executyng or puttyng in Exercyse of any lawes or matter, whiche shalbe deuised by thesaied twoo and thyrty, or the more parte of them and set forth by Proclamacion vnder the great Seale of Englande, or forholdyng of any manner of Plee, or makynge of any Proces, touchyng or concernyng any suche lawes or matter, any estatute, lawe or Custome, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aboueſaide, that al and euery ecclesiasticall Judge and minister, that shal execute, any thyng, by vertue of any suche Lawes, so to bee set furth, as is aboueſayd, shall from tyme to tyme obey the Kynges writ and wrytes, of prohibicion of attachement, vppon prohybicion and Indicauit, and not to proceede contrary to the tenour of suche writ or wrytes, in suche and thesame manner, fourme, and condicion as they haue or ought to haue done before the makyng of this act, any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, or bee interpretated, to geue any aucthoritie to thesaide two and thirty persones, or to the more nomber of them, or to the Kynges highnes, for to compyle, stablyshe, publishe, or set furth, any ecclesiastical lawe repugnant or contrary to any common lawe or Statute of this realme, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The. xii. Chapter.

¶ An Acte for the orderyng of Ecclesiasticall Ministers.

FOR asmuche as concorde and vnitie to bee had within the Kynges Maiesties Dominions, it is requisite to haue one vniforme fashion and maner, for makyng and consecratyng of Bysshoppes, Prieſtes, Deacons, or Ministers of the Churche: Be it therefore enacted, by the Kynges highnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, That suche forme and maner of makyng, and consecratyng, of Archebysshoppes, Bysshoppes, Prieſtes, Deacons, and other Ministers of the churche, as by syr Prelates, and sir other men of this Realme, learned in Goddes lawe, by the Kynges Maieſtie, to be appointed and assygned, or by the moost nombre of them shalbe deuised for that purpose, and set furth vnder the greate Seale of Englande, before the firſte daye of Apryll next commyng, shall by vertue of this present acte, be lawfully exercysed and vsed, and none other: any estatute, lawe, or vsage to the

contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The.xiii. Chapiter.

¶ An act, for the restitucion in bloud, of sir Willyam Sharyngton knyght.

WHere, sir Willyam Sharyngton knight, aswell by the Course of the Common Lawe of this Realme of Englande, as by acte of Parliament, was lately attainted of hygh Treason, and other offences, by reason whereof, he is depryued, and dysabled in bloud, and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioy suche Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, as should or might, come, discende, remain, or reuert to him, from any his lineall, or collaterall auncetor, or auncetors, to whom, he should or might bee heire in bloud. And where our souereigne Lorde the kyng, that now is, of his habundaūt clemencie, pitie, charitie, especial grace and mere motion, and by thaduise of his honorable counsail, by his graces letters Patentes, vnder his great Seale of Englande, beatyng date at Westminster, the fyrst daie of Nouember, in the thyrd yere of his reigne, hath pardoned, remitted, and released, vnto thesaid sir Willyam Sharyngton, by the name of Willyam Sharyngton, late of London knight, otherwise called, Willyam Sharyngton, of London knight, otherwise called, Willyam Sharyngton knight, otherwise called, Willyam Sharyngton of Laycoke, in the Countie of Wilteshire knight, or by what other name, or surname, or addicion of name, or surname, he were knowen or called, all hygh Treasons and offences, committed and doen by hym, before thesaied fyft daie of Nouember, as by thesame letters pattents of pardon, more plainly appereth. Our said souereigne lord the kyng, at the humble peticion and sute, of thesaied sir Willyam Sharyngton, is pleased, and contented, that it be enacted, and establyshed by his hyghnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that thesaid sir Willyam Sharyngton, shalbe clerely Pardoned, acquited, released, and discharged, of all and synguler Treasons, and other offences, mencioned, or expressed, in thesaied attaindoute, or attayndours, or Acte of Parliament, or any of theim, or whereof thesame Sir Willyam was attainted, or conuicted before thesayed fyft daie of Nouember, in thesayed thyrd yere of the reigne of oure souereigne Lorde the kyng that nowe is, and of all Judgementes, Emprysonmentes, Paynes of death, and other Paynes, and Penalties, whiche by reason thereof Sir Willyam Sharyngton, should or might in any wyse incurre, haue, suffre, or sustayne. And that thesame

same Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and his Heyres, from henceforth may and shall by aucthoritie of this present Acte, bee restored and enhabled in bloud, and name to sue and be sewed, Impleade, and bee Impleaded, and to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye, all and synguler suche Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, whatsoeuer remayne, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall Discende, Come or Reuert, from any lyneall or collaterall, Auncetour, or Auncetours, of thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, as Heyre or Heyres, to thesame Auncetour, or Auncetours, in suche maner and fourme as if thesayde Sir Willyam Sharyngton, had neuer bene attaynted. And that thesayde Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and all and synguler the Chyldren and yssues of the bodie of thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and all and euery other Persone, and Persones, beyng of thole bloud to thesayed Sir Willyam Sharyngton, may and by aucthoritie of this present Acte, shalbe from henceforth restored, and enhabled in bloud and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye, all and synguler suche manours Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, whatsoeuer they bee, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall Discende, Reuert, Remayne, come or growe to thesayed Sir Willyam Sharyngton, or his Heyres by Discent, Purchace, Gyfte, or otherwyse, in suche thesame and lyke maner, fourme, and condicion, to all ententes, construccions, and purposes, as if thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, had neuer bene attainted. And that thesame Sir Willyam Sharyngton, his Executours and Administratours, shall and may in his or their owne Name or Names, Sue, Aske, and Demaunde, all suche Debtes, Couenauntes, and other thynges, to thesayed Sir Willyam Sharyngton Growen, Dew, had or made, by or vppon any wrytyng, Specialtie, or Recorde, at any tyme before thesaid Attayndour or Attaindours, whiche the Kynges highnes hath or shall by his Letters, Patentes, or otherwise Geue, Graunte, Appoint, or Assygne, to thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and the Money and other profitte thereof commyng, to Conuert, haue and retayne to the vse of thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, his Executours, or administratours, in such thesame in like maner, fourme & condicion, to al intentes, cōstruccions & purposes, as if thesaid sir Willyā Sharyngtō, should or might haue done if he had neuer ben attainted.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie abouesaid, that thesaid sir Willyam Sharyngton, shall haue & enioye al such fredomes, liberties, fraunchises, & priuileges within the Citie of London, & els where, aswel within the realme of England, as without, as he had, & enioyed, before thesaied attaindour or attaindours, in suche sorte, fourme and condicion as he had and enioyed, or of ryght ought or myght haue had, or enioyed thesame, yf thesaied Attayndour or Attayndours,

or any of them had not bene had nor made, any forfaiture, iudgement lawe, statute, vsage, custome, priuilege, or other thinges to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The. xiiii. Chapter.

¶ An acte for the restitucion in bloud of Mary Seymour, Daughter to sir Thomas Seymour knyght, lord Seymour of Sudley, late Admirall of Englande.

IN moste humble wyse sheweth vnto your hyghnes, your faithfull subiect, Mary Seymour, daughter of Sir Thomas Seymour, knyght, late lorde Seymour of Sudley, and late hygh Admirall of Englande, begotten of the body of Quene Katherine late Quene of England, and late wyfe to thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, and before that wyfe to your mooste noble father of moste famous memory kyng Henry theight. That where as thesaid Thomas lorde Seymour by aucthoritie of your hyghnes court of parliament, holden at Westminster, in the second yere of your mooste noble reigne, was iustly attainted of hygh Treason and by reason thereof your said subiect standeth and is a persone in her bloud and lynage corrupted: It may please your hyghnes, of your most noble and habundaut grace, that it may be at the humble peticion of your said subiect ordeined, establyshed, and enacted, by your hyghnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that your saied subiect and her heyres may be and shalbe, by aucthoritie of this acte, restored and enhabled only in bloud, as daughter and heire & heires, to thesaid Thomas lord Seymour. And that your saied subiect and her heires, from hencefoorth may & shalbe enhabled to demaunde, aske haue, holde and enioye, al & euery such honors, castels, manours, lordshippes, hundredes, fraunchises, lyberties, priuileges, aduoulsons, nominacõs, presentacions, knightes fees, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, remainders, porcions, annuities, pencions, ryghtes, and all maner of hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, which at any time hereafter shall come, remayne, discende or reuert, from any collaterall auncestour of your saied subiect, other then such castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, remainders, porcions, annuities, pencions, ryghtes, and all maner of hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, which were of thesaid Thomas lorde Seymour her father in possession, reuercion, remainder, or otherwise the day of the attaindour of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, or at any tyme after the treason by him cõmitted or done: And other then such honors, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as your highnes was or is intytled to haue or myght or ought to haue vpon any office,

Office, founde or to be founde, by force of the saied Attaindour in such the same and like maner, fourme and condicion, to al intentes, constructions and purposes, as if the saied Thomas lord Seymour father to your said subiect, had neuer bene attainted, and as though no such attaindour of the said Thomas lord Seymour, had euer ben had or made. And that your saied Subiect and her heires, may hereafter vse and haue any Accion or Suite, and make her pedegree and conueiaunce in bloud as heire, aswell to and from her saied father, as also to any other person, or persones, in like maner, fourme and degree to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if the saied Thomas lord Seymour, had neuer bene attainted, and as yt no suche attaindour were or had bene had the corruption of bloud betwene the saied Thomas lord Seymour, and your subiect, and her heyres, or any acte of Parliament, or Iudgement, concernyng the attayndour of the said Thomas lorde Seymour, or any other thyng, wherby the bloud of the said Thomas lord Seymour, is or should be corrupted to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this present acte or any thyng therein conteined, extende not to restore or entytle your saied Subiecte, or any of her heires to any suche honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, whiche your hyghnes nowe hath or had, or is, might, or ought to bee intitled to haue, by reason of any attayndour or attaindours, of the saied Thomas lorde Seymour, nor shall extende to any Honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, reuersions, Seruices, or other Hereditamentes, late of the saied Thomas lorde Seymour, whiche your hyghnes hath heretofore geuen, demised, exchaunged or graunted, to any person or persones, in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of lief, lyues, or yeres, or at will: But that al suche Honours, Castels, lordshippes, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Reuercions, Seruices, and Hereditamentes, whiche your hyghnes hath geuen, demysed, exchaunged, or graunted, as is aforesaid, shall stand, remaine, abyde, and continue in the same estate, force, degree, and condition, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as they and euery of them, were before the makyng of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer bene had nor made. Sauyng to all and euery other persone and persones, bodies politique or corporat, their heires and successors, and to the heires and successors of euery of them, al such estate, possession, right, title, interest, reuersion, remainder, leasse and leasses, claime, condicion, commons, and all other profittes and commodities, as they haue or ought to haue, out, in, or to the premisses, or any parte or petrell thereof, as though this act had neuer ben had ne made. And your said subiect shal daily pray to God for your most noble grace in honor long to cõtinue.

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¶ The. xv. Chapter.

¶ An acte againſt fonde and Phantaſticall Prophecies.

WHere nowe of late Sythens the prorogacion of the laſt ceſſion of this preſent parliamẽt, dyuers euil diſpoſed perſones, minding to ſtirre and moue ſedicion, diſobedience & rebellion, haue of their peruerſe myndes, feined, ymagined, inuented, publyſhed, and practiſed, diuerſe phantaſticall and fond prophecies, cõcerning the kinges maieſtie and diuers honorable perſones, Gentlemen, and Commons, of this Realme, to the great diſturbaunce & peryl of the kynges maieſtie & this his realme: For remedy thereof, be it ordeined & enacted by the kyng our ſouereigne lord, with thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall, & temporall, & of the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of theſame, that if any perſone or perſones, after the firſt day of February next cõming, do ſet forth in writing, printing, ſinging, ſpeakyng, and publiſhe or therwyſe declare, to any perſone or perſons, any phantaſticall or falſe prophecie, vpon occaſion of any Armes, fieldes, beaſtes, foules, Badges, and ſuche other lyke thinges, accuſtomed in Armes, Cogniſaunces, or Signetes, or by reaſon of any time, yere or daye, name, Bloudſhed or warre, to the intent thereby to make any rebellion, inſurrection, diſſencion, loſſe of life or other diſturbaunce, with in this realme or other the kynges domintons: That then euery ſuche perſon, thereof being lawfully indicted, and conuicted, accordyng to the due courſe of the lawes, for euery ſuche offence ſhall ſuffre impryſonment of his body, by the ſpace of one yere, without baile or mampryſe and ſhall forfaite for euery ſuche offence the ſomme of. x. poundes.

And if any ſuche offendoure, do after ſuche conuiction eftſones offend in any of the premiſſes, and be thereof lawfully indicted, and conuicted, by the due courſe of the lawes, that then euery ſuche offendour, ſhall for his ſecond offence and conuiccion, as is abouerehearſed, ſuffre impriſonment of his body, without baple or maynprize during his life, & ſhall forfait all his goodes, and cattalles, reals, & perſonals, the moyties of euery which forfaitures ſhalbe to the kyng, & the other moities thereof to him, that ſhall or will ſue for theſame in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by accion, bill, plaint or informacion, in whiche caſe, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe or protection, ſhalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that al and euery Juſtice of aſſiſe, Juſtice of oyer and determiner, iuſtice of peace, ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue hereof, to enquire, heare, and determine all and euery offence, or offences abouerehearſed, committed, or done, within the limites of their commiſſion, contrary to the tenour and meaning of this acte.

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Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no persone nor persones, shall at any tyme hereafter bee empeched, for any offence hereafter to be committed or done, contrary to thys Acte, onlesse he be therefore empeched, or accused, within sixe monethes nexte ensuyng any suche offence, by hym or them committed or done. And this acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

The xvi. Chapiter.

¶ An acte touching the punishment of Vacabondes, and other ydle persones.

For asmuch as it is notoriously sene & knowē, that vacabondes and beggars do daily encreace within this the kinges highnes realme into very great nō bres, chiefly by occasion of Idlenes, mother & rote of al vices, wherby do ensue cōtinual theftes, murders, conspiracies and other sondry heinous offences, and partely for that the good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, hath not bene put in due execucion, & partely also by reason of the multytude of thesame (the extremitie of somme whereof, haue bene occasion that they haue not bene put in vre) Therfore, and for diuerse good cōsiderations it is enacted by the king our souereigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that the statute made in the firste yere of the kynges highnes, most noble reigne, concerning Idle persones and vacabōdes in certain cases, to be made slaues and so forth, and all and euery article, matter, prouiso, braunche and sentence therein cōteined, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, made frustrate, voyde and of none effecte.

And that the statute concerning how aged and impotent persones should be ordred for their better Relefe, and howe Vacabondes and strong beggars should be punished, made in the. xxii. yere of the late kyng of moost famous memory kyng Henry the eight, and euery matter, article, prouiso, braunche and sentence therein conteined, to be from henceforth reuiued, made good and stande in full strength and vertue, and shall continue and remayne a perfect Acte of parliament for euer.

And be it further enacted by the auethoritie aforesaied, that al Iustices of peace and euery of them within the limittes of their cōmissiō, and the Maiors, Shrieues, Baylifes, and other Officers within their seuerall Rules and offices, shall within their seueral limittes assemble together, and make their seuerall diuision, according to the purpose & effecte of this acte, at the next generall quartet sessions of the peace to be holden after the feaste of Easter next to come, for the due spedy and dylygent execucion of thesame acte. And that if any suche aged or impotent

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potent perſone after the feaſte of Eaſter next to come, ſhal offende contrary to this Eſtatute, that then theſame Offendour ſhalbe vſed and puniſhed, as in theſame Eſtatute of the .xxii. of kyng Henry theight, is prouided. And that before the feaſt of Eaſter no punyſhment ſhalbe put in execution againſt any ſuche Impotent, Lame and aged perſon, but onely by the diſcrecion of the next iuſtice of peace of theſame Shiere where ſuche offendour ſhalbe apprehended, any thyng in theſaied acte to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And for the auoiding of the Idle loyteryng of common labourers of huſbandrie, within this realme: Be it enacted by thauctho'itie afore ſaied, that ſuche common labourers being perſons able in body, vſing loytryng, and refuſyng to worke, for ſuche reaſonable wages as is moſte commenly geuen in the parties where ſuche perſons ſhall dwell, ſhalbe for euery ſuch times as he or they refuſe to labour, hauing reaſonable wages as is afore ſaid, adiudged vacabondes, and ſhalbe puniſhed as ſtrong and mighty vacabondes in ſuche maner and fourme, as is declared in theſaid acte of .xxii. againſt vacabõdes. And touchyng maymed, lamed and fore, aged and impotent perſones, whiche reſorteth to the citie of London, and to other Cities, Townes and Vyllages, on begging: Be it enacted by the auctho'itie afore ſaid, that all ſynguler Maiors, Shriefes, Bayliefes, Conſtables, or other heade Officers of any Citie, Towne or Vyllage, to which ſuch reſort is or ſhalbe, ſhal before the feaſt of the Purification of our Lady next folowyng, ſee all ſuche Idle, impotent, maymed and aged perſones, who otherwyſe can not by their diſcrections be taken for vacabondes, whiche were borne within theſaied Citie, Towne, or Village, or hath bene there moſt conuerſaunt and abydyng by the ſpace of thre yeres, and now decayed, beſtowed and prouided for of tenauntries, Cotages, or other conuenient houſes, to be lodged in, at the Coſtes and Charges of theſaied Cities, Townes, Boroughes and Vyllages, there to be relieued, and cured by the deuocion of the good people, of theſaid Citie, Borough, Towne, or Vyllage, and that they do not ſuffre after the tyme before reherſed, any other then ſuche as either were borne, or hath bene for the moſte parte conuerſaunt, or abydyng by the ſpace of thre yeres, as is afore ſaied in theſaied Citie, Borough, Towne, or Vyllage, to remayne and begge abrode within the precinctes of ſuche Cities, Townes, Vyllages, or Boroughes. Except it be ſuche as haue letters, or are auctho'ized, or licenced by force of this act, vpõ paine that euery ſuch Maiors, ſhriefs, and Bailiefs, Cõſtable, or other hed officer by what name ſoeuer he be called, ſuffering any perſon to begge within the precinct of his or their ſuche Iuriſdiction, other then is before reherſed, for euery thre daies, ſhall forfaite ten ſhyllynges, to whome ſoeuer wyll ſue therefore, by byll, Informacion, or accion of debt, in any Court of Record. In the whiche Sutes none Eſſoyne, ne wager of Lawe or protection ſhalbee alowed,

allowed, for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esaid, that the Ma-
ior of the Citie of London, and all other Maio*r*s, Bailiefs, Sh*r*iefes,
Constables, and other hed officers of euery Citie, Bo*r*ough, o*r* Towne
co*r*po*r*ate, and of euery other Town and village, do with all conuenient
spede by them selfes, o*r* their sufficient deputies, before the feast of the
Purification of oure Lady next comi*n*yng, and so from tyme to tyme
euery moneth once, make a viewe and examinacion of aged, impotent,
and lame persones, beggers, as be within the p*r*eincte of their Juris-
diction, and se all suche as were not borne, no*r* hath bene for the moste
part conuersaunt and abydyng by the spate of thre peres complet, o*r*
haue not letters, and auctho*r*ysed, o*r* licenced by force of this Estatute,
conueighed on horseback, Cart, o*r* otherwyse, as shal seme by their dis-
crecions, to the next Constables, & they to conuey the same to the nexte
Constables, & so from Constables to Constables, tyll the saied persons
be brought to the place where they were borne, o*r* most co*n*uersaunt and
abiding, as is afo*r*esaid, there to be p*r*ouided for, kept, & nourished of
almes, as is afo*r*esaid, vpon the paine that euety such Maio*r*, Sh*r*ief,
o*r* Constable, hedbo*r*ough, o*r* other hed officers not making viewe, no*r*
sendyng, o*r* conuaiyng away, no*r* receiuing, o*r* not p*r*ouidyng, as is be-
fore appointed, accoording to the true purpo*r*te, o*r* meanyng of this act,
to forfette for euery suche default ten shyllynges, whereof the one half
to be to the kynges vse, & thother to the partie, that wil sue therefo*r*e in
any of the kynges courtes of record, by bill, Info*r*mation, Action of
debt, in the whiche Suites none essoyne, wager of Lawe o*r* p*r*otection
shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esaied,
that if any of the said aged, maymed, o*r* impotent persons, of the Cities,
Townes o*r* Uyllages, where they were borne in, o*r* had their moost a-
bydyng, as is afo*r*esaied, be not so lame, o*r* impotent, but that they may
worke in some maner worke, that then suche Citie, Towne, Parysshe, o*r*
Uyllage do either in commen p*r*oude some suche worke for them, as
they may be occupied in, o*r* appointe them, to suche as will fynde theim
worke for meate and drinke. And yf they refuse of wylfulnes and stub-
bernes to worke, o*r* do runne away and begge in other places, then to
punish the same accoording to their discrecios, with Stocking, beatyng,
o*r* otherwise as shall seme to them conuenient.

Be it also enacted by thauctho*r*itie afo*r*esaied, that all lep*r*ouse and
poo*r* beddered creatures whatsoeuer they be, may at their owne lyber-
tie remaine and continue in such houses appointed for lep*r*ouse o*r* bed-
dered people, as they nowe be in, and shall not be compelled to repayre
in to any other Countries o*r* Places by vertue of this Acte, any thyng
therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that also it
shalbe lawfull vnto the saied Lep*r*ouse, and beddered people, for their

better Relief to appoynte their proctour, or proctours, so there bee not appointed aboue the nombre of two persones, for any one house of Leprouse, or beddered people, to gather the charytable almes of all suche Inhabitauntes as shalbe within the compasse of foure miles of any of thesaied houses of Leprous and beddered persons

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or Lorde keper of the great Seale for the time being, at their discrections, to graunt commission vnder the great seale of England, to euery or any person or persons, that hath or shall haue, his or their houses, or barnes, burnt, or suche losses, or to suche as be or shalbe Leprous persons, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their Relief or for their ayde, and helpe of his or their losses, decaie or hynderaunce, as in tyme paste hath bene vsed, any thyng in this act notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesaied. that all and euery Statute and act of Parliament, made for punishment of Vacabondes, Vlaues, aged and impotent persons, or any of theim, and euery article, sentence, clause, or prouiso therin conteined, other then this present act and Statute made, and thesaid act made in thesaid .xxii. yere shalbe from henceforth vtterly voide, repealed, and of none effect or force.

And for asmuche as diuers wemē and men going on begging, impotent and lame, & some able enough to labour, do cary children aboutes with them of tendre age, and some of foure, v. or vi. yeres of age, or yonger or elder, whiche beyng once brought vp in ydelnes, will hardely be brought after to any good kynde of labour, pein, trauell or seruice.

Be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if any child aboue thage of .v. yeres, and vnder thage of .xiiii. go about wanderyng, as is aforesaid, or else alone, in case any maner person, that is able to kepe any such child wil take it, be it male or female, of and from any suche begger beyng the father or mother therof, nouricier or keper, whether thei be willing or not, or without any such nourice, father, mother, or keper, by him or her self, wanderyng, and bryng such childe so taken before one of the Constables of the parish where the child shal so fortune to be taken vp and at the next general quarter Sessions to bee holden in that Shire, nexte to the place where thesaied takyng vp shall fortune to be, present thesame in the presence of thesaid Constable, before the Justice of peax at thesame Sessions, and there in open Sessions promes to bryng thesame child vp in some honest labour or occupation, till the woman child come to thage of .xv. yeres, & the man child to thage of .xviii. yeres, if the Master or mastres, shall chaunce so long to liue, that then and immediatly thesaied Justices of peax by their discrecion, shall adiudge by vertue of this act, thesaied child vnto the ages before specified, to be seruāt or seruauntes, to thesaied person or persons, so takyng and promisyng as is aforesaied, suche childe to bee vsed and ordred, in all poinctes

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accordyng as the law & custome of the realme is of seruauntes without wages, to what labour, occupacion or seruice so euer thesaied taker by or Master or mastres shal appoinct him, or her duryng thesaied terme.

And thesaied iudgement, shalbe entred by the Clarke of the Peax in thesaid sessions in forme folowyng Memorandum, that at the sessions of the peax holden at. W. the date. &c. one J. B. of the Toune of L. had deliuered to him, accordyng to the fourme of the Statute in that case prouided. C. T. estemed to be of thage of. viii. or. viii. peres, to bee ordred accordyng to the fourme of thesaied Statute.

And if it shall fortune suche chylde so adiudged, to runne awaie at any tyme, ones or moo tymes from his or her Master or mastres, that then it shalbe lawfull for euery suche Master or Mastres, to take the saied chylde againe, and to take and punishe thesayed chylde, in the Stockes or otherwise by discrecion, or otherwise at the libertie of suche Master or Mastres, to haue a warraunt from any Justice of Peax in thesame Shire, where the chylde so runnes awaie, for suche childe runnyng awaie or goyng awaie, as is prouided by the Statute labourers, for suche seruauntes as departe awaie from their Master or Mastres, without a reasonable cause before the end of their terme.

And that euery Justice of Peax, shal by force of this acte haue auctoritie and power, to make suche warraunt against euery suche person so goyng and runnyng awaie, in lyke fourme as thei or any of theim, maie do against any seruaunt, departyng oute of his Masters seruice without licence or reasonable cause, and by force of thesame Warraunt the childe so runnyng or goyng awaie, to be taken and ordred in euery degree, as is prouided by thesaid Statute labouters for seruauntes departyng out of their Master or mastres seruice, as is aforesaied.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that if and as often, as it shal chaunce the father, mother, nource, or other beater aboutes of the childe, or any other person or persons, to steale or entise awaie any suche childe, adiudged for a seruaunt, as is aforesaid, that then and so often it shalbe lawfull for the Master or Mastres, of thesame chylde to be at his or their libertie to take an action vpon the Statute labouters, against euery suche persone so stealyng or entysyng awaie suche chylde as he or thei might haue, by reason of thesaied statute labourers, against him or theim that reteines any mans seruaut out of his seruice before thende of thesaied terme, or else to take an action of Trespas against suche offendor, in whiche action he shall recouer his dammages, and treble costes of his sute.

Prouided alwaies and bee it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that if the master or mastres, to whom suche child, as is aforesaid, shalbe adiudged to be seruaunt, be vnreasonable in ordryng and bryngyng vp of suche childe, that then at all tymes vpon complainte made at the generall quarter sessions of peax, in the Shire or Shiries wher thesaid childe shalbe

by two honest neiborsof thesame place or toune wher thesaid child shal fortune to be so vnreasonably ordred, if it shal appere by honest witnes to the iustices of peax at thesame sessiōs the cōplaint therof made shalbe true, then the Justices of peax at their general sessions in thesame shire where suche complaint shalbe made, shall by vertue of thys acte, haue aucthoritie and power to discharge thesaid childe, from his or their vnreasonable master or mastres, and appoint thesame to some other honest master or mastreis, vnto thesaide ages, to be ordred in euery degree as thesaid childe should haue bene with his former master or mastres, and that order and appoincment to be written in the booke of the Clarke of the Peax, for the whiche entry thesaide Clearke of the peax, shall haue iiii.d. for his labor and not aboue, and in like maner shall haue iiii.d. and not aboue, for the first entre of the child, to be seruaunt as is aforesaide, to be paied by the Master or Maistres of thesaide childe.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaide, that if the woman childe to bee appoincted a seruaunte, as is aforesaide, bee maried before her age of .xv. yeres, that then by that mariage, she shalbe discharged of seruice. This acte or any thyng therein conteined to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaies and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery Vacabond or Begger, beyng borne in any other Nacion or countrey then thys Realme, shall in maner and fourme aforesaide, and vpon the forfeitures and penalties before mencioned, bee conueyed from place to place, to the place or Marches nexte adioynyng, to hys or their natiue Countrey or to the nexte Porte, yf there bee a Sea betwene thys Realme and hys, or their sayde Countryes, there to bee kepte of thenhabitauntes of thesayde nexte Porte in conuenient laboure from ydelnes, or otherwyse, tyll thei maie bee conuayed ouer, and then at the Costes of thenhabitauntes of thesayde Porte, yf theim selues shall not haue wherewyth, to bee conueyed ouer into their natiue Countries.

The .xvii. Chapiter.

An acte agaynst vnlawfull huntyng in any Parke, Forest, Chase, or other enclosed ground.

WHere as in the first yere of youre moste Gracious reigne, your maiestie in consideracion of the great obediēce that your Subiectes then wer in, of your inestimable clemēcie and tēder loue borne vnto the same, gaue your roial assent vnto an act of parliament, touchyng the repeale of certaine statutes, the penalties wherof semed very sore, thynkyng moste godly there[illegible] wynne your sayd subiectes to the continuaūce of their obediēce, rather by loue then by feare: orasmuch as

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sythen the tyme of thesayde Repeale, youre grace hath founde the experience thereof, to haue hadde other Successe, then youre mooste merciefull meanyng looked for, and that suche insolencies, and Barbarous vnrulynes, and disobedience hath folowed thesame, as heretofore hathe not bene sene, eyther in thys Realme, or else where. Amongest the whiche outragious disorders, one hathe bene vnlawfull huntyng, not onely in all youre graces Subiectes seuerall groundes, but in youre graces owne Parkes and Forestes, almoste throughe out the Realme, so notably, as in some of your graces Parkes were slaine fiue hundred Dere in a daie, within very fewe miles of youre Maiesties citie of London, whiche vnsufferable libertie eskappynge without due ponyshement, hath bred suche a bold continuaunce of the lyke, as at thys present, bothe nyght and daie youre graces Parkes and Forrestes, and the Parkes also of others, are styll hunted, wyth suche a boldnes as vnneth it is taken for a faulte, to the greate dysquietnes of youre Graces keepers, and the destruccion of youre Royall games, beside the shame and dishonoure, that in other Realmes thereof is spoken. For reformacion thereof, moste humbly beseechen youre grace, youre Maiesties moste humble and louyng Subiectes, that it maie bee ordeined and enacted, by youre Maieslie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the auctholitie of thesame, that aswell one Estatute made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of kynge Henry the eight, touchynge the wrongefull entree into any Forrest, Parke, or Chase, of the kynges hyghnes, the Quenes, the Princes, or any of the kynges chyldren, for the tyme beynge, or in to any other grounde, of hys, or theirs inclosed, wyth Wall, or Pale, ordeyned or vsed for nourysshynge of Dere, as also one other Estatute, made in the Session of thesaid Parliament, holde in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of thesame late kynge, touchynge the wrongefull takynge, kyllyng, or sleynge of any Dere within any Parke, Chase, or closed grounde, vsed for Dere, maie from the firste daie of Maye nexte commynge, bee fullie and clerelie reuyued, and that thesame Statutes wyth all and all maner of Braunches, Articles, Sentences, and penalties of thesame seuerall Estatutes, maie from thesame daye bee in full force, strengthe and vertue, to all ententes, Constructions, and purposes, as yf thesame Estatutes, or any of theim had neuer bene repealed, thesayde Acte of repeale, or any other Acte or thynge to the contrarie in any wyse notwythstandynge. Thys Statute to endure the space of three full yeres to be complete and fullye ended, frō the first daie of Maye aboue saied.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, that thys present Acte, or any thynge therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende to cause the wyfe of suche Offendour or offendours, to loose any dower, but that the wyfe and wifes of suche Offendour, and Offendours,

shal haue suche interest and recouerie of in and to their Dower of the Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, of suche offendour or offendours, as thei shoulde haue had, in case no suche attaindour or conuiction had bene had of any the offences aforesaide. And that by suche attainder or conuiction, the heire of suche offendour or offendours, shal lose no inheritaunce, ne suffer any corruption of bloud, but shall after the death of suche offendour and offendours, inherite and be demed and adiudged as heire, and enabled as heire to suche offendour or offendors in such maner & forme, as if no such attaindor or conuictiō had ben had Any thing herin conteined to the contrarie in anywise notwithstādyng.

¶ The. xviii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte concernyng Feefermes mencioned in the last Session.

WHere in the second Session of this present Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogaciō the iii. date of Nouēbre, in the second yere of the reigne of oure moste dreade soueraigne Lorde the Kynge that nowe is. Our soueraigne Lorde the Kynge of his moste godlie and vertuous disposicion, by thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in thesaide Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, aswell for the ayde and Relefe of the poore in the Cities, boroughes, and tounes corporate of this his realme of Englande, and countrie of Wales, as for the execucion of other dedes of charitie and common wealthe there, ordeined and enacted, that suche Feefermes and somes of money paied for Feefermes, as by any Citie, Borroughe or toune corporate, within this his Realme of Englande, or countrie of Wales, or by the bodies politique or corporate officers or ministers of thesame, should or oughte to bee due and patable to his Maiestie, his heires or successours, duryng three yeres nexte ensuyng after the .xiiii. date of Marche, in the yere of oure Lorde God M.D. xlviii. shoulde cease and not bee due ne patable to hys Maiestie ne his heires or his successours by any suche Citie, Borough, ne Toune corporate, ne by any the bodies politique or corporate, of theim or any of theim, nor by the Officers, inhabitauntes and Ministers of thesame Cities, Boroughes, or Tounes corporate, or any of theim, and that thesayde Acte, shoulde bee to theim, and euery of theim and to the Successours of euery of theim, a sufficient Warrant and discharge against hys Maiestie, hys heires and Successours, for the reteinyng and withholding of thesame Feefermes and sommes of money duryng thesaid three yeres, and that no proceste or other sute should be at any time had or awarded against theim, or any of theim, oute of the Exchequer, or any other Courte for the arterages thereof, for, or in any of thesaied three yeres.

And

And it was then further prouided and enacted by thesaied auctho-
ritie, that asmuche of all and euery suche somes of money, as should or
ought to be due to the kinges maiestie, his heires or successors, by any
Citie, Borough, toune corporate within England, or Wales, or by the
bodies politique of thesame, or by any the officers or ministers of the-
same, or any of theim, duryng thesaied three yeres, whiche might be ga-
thered and collected of the Issues, fermes, and profites, for whiche the
saied Feefermes should haue be paied, in case thesame had not bene dis-
charged by thesaied acte, should be leuied, collected, gathered, paied and
aunswered, as it should haue bene, if thesaied acte, had not bene made,
to be employed and bestowed in and aboute repairyng of walles, brid-
ges, settyng poore people on worke, or other good dedes in euery suche
Citie, borroughe or toune corporate, where thesame should so haue bene
due duryng thesaied three yeres, if thesaied acte had not bene made, by
the discrecion and appointment of suche commissioners, as the kynges
Maiestie should perticulerlie authorise and appoincte for euery suche
Citie, borroughe or toune corporate, in suche maner and fourme, as the-
same commissioners should assigne, limite and appoinct, or as by suche
commission should be declared or expressed, and not to the kynges ma-
iestie, hys heires or Successours in hys Courte of the Exchequer, or in
any other court or place, to thuse of his maiestie, his heires or successors
Neuertheles, for diuerse especial consideracions and weighty causes:
Be it nowe enacted, ordeyned, and estably[s]hed, by auctho[r]itie of thys
present Parliament, that thesaied former act, concernyng thesaied Fee-
fermes and somes of money, and all artricles, clauses, and prouisions,
concernyng the order, disposicion and paimentes of thesame Feefermes
and somes of money, or any of them therin conteined, or of any annuitie
or somes of money, out of thesaied feefermes and somes of money paid
for Feefermes, shall stande, remaine, and be in their full strength, power
and effecte, onely for the first yere of thesaied three yeres, conteyned in
thesaied acte, and not otherwise, ne for any longer time.

And that thesaied acte of Feefermes, and all Artricles, Clauses, and
prouisions therein conteined, touchyng and concernyng the remittyng,
reteining, disposicio[n] or paiment of thesaied feefermes, or of any parte or
parcell therof, of and for the last two yeres, of thesaied three yeres, shall
vtterly ceasse, determine, and take none effecte, any thynge conteyned in
thesame former acte, to the contrarie in any wise notwithstandyng.

And furthermore, be it enacted and established, by thauctoritie afore-
saied, that from and after the .xxii. daie of Marche, in thys present yere
of our Lorde God. M. D. xlix. thesaied Feefermes, and somes of money
paied for Feefermes, and euery of theim, shalbe due, paiable and aun-
swerable vnto the kynges maiestie his heires and successours, at suche
times and places, and in suche maner, forme and condicion, to al entē-
tes, constructions and purposes, as thesame, or any of the were, oughte

or might haue bene paied, or patable, before the making of the said former act, any thing therin cõteined, to the cõtrarie therof notwithstãding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that all and euery patentee or patentees, and all other persones and bodies politique and corporate, their heires, successours and assignes, whiche by vertue of the letters patẽtes of the kinges maiestie, or of any his noble Progenitours, or otherwyse, at, and before the makyng of the saied former act, had or enioied, or lawfully should, or might haue had, or enioyed, any Annuitie, or some or somes of money going out, or to be takẽ or patable of the saied Feefermes, or somes of money paied for Feefermes, or any of them, shall and maie lawfully, clayme, aske, demaunde, haue, and enioye, such Annuitie or somes of money, as shalbe due patable and aunswerable to any suche Patentee or patentees, or any other persons or bodies politique and corporate, their heires successours, and assignes, or any of them, from and after the saied .xiiii. daie of Marche, in the saied yere of oure Lorde God. M. D. xlix. at suche times and places, and in suche sorte, maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the same annuitie or some or somes of money wer paied or aunswered at, and before the making of the said former act, & in none otherwise anything herin cõteined to the cõtrarie therof, in anywise notwithstanding.

The .xii. Chapiter.

An acte for the byyng and sellyng of rother beastes and Cattell.

BE it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no persone or persones, at any tyme from and after the feaste of the Annunciacion of oure Lady nexte comyng, shall buy, or common and conclude to buy, any maner of Oxen, Steeres, Rontes, kien, heighfers, or calues, but onely in the open faire or market, where the same shall happen to be brought and put to sale, and shall not sell the same againe on liue at and in the market or faire, where he bought the same, duryng the time of the saied faire or market, vpon peine of forfeiture of the doble value of suche catell bought or solde, contra tic to the tenour of this present acte.

Prouided alwaie and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull for all and euery persone and persones, to buy any Oxen, Steeres, Rountes, kien, Heighfers, and Calues, or any of them, out of any open faire, or market, for his or their prouision, for their household, teame, or dairy, at his or their will, or pleasure, to be employed, and spente, onely in keepyng and maintenaunce of his or their house, or for their Teame or Dairy, and not otherwise.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aboueasaid, that no person

ſon, beyng a Butcher, and vſyng the craft or miſtery of butchery, ſhall at any time after the ſeaſte buy any fat oxen, ſteeres, rontes, kien, heighfoxs, calues, or ſheepe, and ſell or cauſe to be ſolde, the ſame againe on liue, vpon peine of forfeiture of euery ſuch Ore, Stere, Runte, Cowe, Heifer, Calfe or Shepe, bargained or ſolde contrary to the fourme of thys preſent acte.

Prouided alwaie, that all and euery perſone and perſones, beyng a Butcher and vſyng the art and miſtery of butcherye, ſhall and maie at his and their will and pleaſure buy any fat oxen, ſteeres, runtes, kyen, heighfoxs, calues, and ſheepe, or any of theim, oute of any open feire or market: So that ſuche butcher ſell not, nor cauſe to be ſolde the ſame againe on liue, as is aforeſaide, any thyng conteined in this acte to the contrarie notwithſtandyng. The one moitie, of all whiche forfeitures, ſhalbe to our ſouereigne Lorde the Kynge, his heires and ſucceſſours: and the other moitie to him or theim that will ſue for the ſame in any of the Kinges courtes of Record, wherein no wager of law, eſſoine or protection, ſhalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendauntes. This acte ſo endure to the end of the next Parliament.

¶ The .xx. Chapiter.

¶ An act touchyng the repeale of a certaine braunche of an acte paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of this Parliament, concernyng victuallers and Artificers.

Where by a certaine act made in the Parliamēt holden at Weſtminſter by prorogacō, the fourth day of Nouēbre, in the ſecond yere of the reigne of our moſte dread ſouereigne Lord the king that now is It is enacted and eſtabliſhed, that no perſō or perſons, ſhould, at any time after the firſt day of Apryl then next enſuyng, interrupte, denie, let, or diſturbe any free Maſon, Roughe maſon, Carpenter, brickelaier, Plaſterer, Joyner, Hardhewer, Sawyer, Tyler, Pauier, Glaſier, lime burner, brickmaker, tilemaker, Plummer, or laborer, borne in this realme or made Denizen, to worke in any of the ſaid craftes in any citie, borough, or toune corporate, with any perſō or perſons, that wil retaine him or thē, albeit the ſaid perſon or perſons, ſo reteined or any of them, do not inhabite or dwell in the citie, borough, or toune corporate, where he or thei ſhall woorke, nor bee free of the ſame citie, borough or toune, any Statute, lawe, ordinaunce, or other thynge whatſoeuer before had, or made to the contrarie in any wiſe notwithſtandyng, and that vpon peine of forfeiture of fyue pounde, for euery interruption, or diſturbaunce, done contrarie to the ſaied Eſtatute, the one moitie of euery ſuche forfeiture to be to the Kyng, and the other moitie therof, to be to him or them

that

that will sue for thesame, in any of the Kynges courtes of Recorde, by byll, plaint, accion of debt, or Informacion, wherein no wager of lawe essoine, nor protection should be allowed, as by thesaid act of Parliament amongs other thynges more plainely appereth.

And forasmuche as in the citie of London beyng the Kynges chambre, and moste auncient citee of this Realme, the Artificers and Craftesmen of the artes, craftes and misteries, aforesaid, are at great costes and charges, aswell in bearyng and paiyng of taxes, tallages, Subsedies, Scot, Lot, and other charges, aswel to the Kynges maiestie, as to thesaied citie, and at many and sundrie triumphes, and other tunes for the Kynges honour: and that if Forrens should come and worke amongest them, within the liberties of thesaied citie, contrarie to their auncient priuileges, that thesame should be a great decaie of conning, and an impouerishmēt, and driuyng awaie of the free men, being artificers of the craftes and artes, and misteries aforesaid, within thesaied citie of London, to the great hurte or destruction and thesaied citie.

For reformacion whereof, the Kynges maiestie is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by aucthorite of this present Parliament, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, that thesaid acte onely touching the article and clause aforesaid, and al and euery sentence and braunche conteined in thesaied acte, concernyng thesame article, shall from hencefoorth be resumed, repealed, adnulled, reuoked, adnichilated and vtterly made voide for euer. Any thyng cōteined in thesaid former act touching the clause or article aforesaid, in antiwise to the cōtrarie notwithstāding.

The .xxi. Chapiter.

An acte for the byeng and sellyng of Butter, and Cheese.

BE it enacted by the aucthorite of this present parliament, that no person or persons, after the feaste of the Annunciacion of our Lady nexte commyng, shal buy to sell againe, any Butter or Cheese, onles he or thei sel thesame again, by retaile, in open shop faire, or market, and not ingrosse, vpon pain of forfaiture, of the doble value of thesame Butter and Cheese so solde, contrarie to the tenour of this present act: The one moitie of al which forfaitures, to be to our soueraigne Lord the kyng his heires, and successours, and the other moitie to him, or them that will sue for thesame, in any of the Kynges courtes of Record, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendaunites.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that thesaide worde of retaile, mencioned in this act, shalbe expounded, declared

declared and taken, onely where a wale of Cheese, or a barrel of butter, or of lesse quantitie and not aboue, shalbe solde at one time to any person or persons in open shop, faire or market, and that to bee done with oute fraude or couyn.

Prouided alwaie that this acte or any thyng therin conteined: shal not extende to any Inholder or victailer, for suche butter or Cheese, as shalbe spent, or vttred by retaile, in any of their houses, any thyng conteined in this act to the contrarie notwithstandyng: this acte to endure to the nexte Parliament.

¶ The. xxii. Chapitet.

¶ An act touchyng the retainyng of Iorneymen by diuerse persones.

Where as many yong folkes and seruauntes of sundrie occupations, beyng once oute of their apprenticehodes, or their yerely reteined seruice, will not commonly be reteined in seruice by the yere, nor laboure in their Sciences, Occupations or Craftes, wherein thei bee exercised or brought vp, but at their libertie, by the daie, weeke or otherwise, worke by grete, to thintent thei will liue ydelie and at their pleasure, flee and resorte from place to place, whereof ensues more inconueniences then can be at this present expressed and declared

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this Parliament, that no person nor persons, occupieng or vsyng, or that hereafter shall occupie or vse any of the artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences of a clothmaker, fuller, sherman, weyuer, taylor or shomaker, that after the feast of Pentecoste next commyng hire or reteigne to worke in any of their artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes or scientes, any person or persons, vnmaried, as a Journyman, that is to saie, to worke or labour by the daie or taile worke, or by the greate, or for any tyme or terme vnder the tyme and terme of one hole quarter of one hole yere. And that no persone or persones vnmaried, shalbe hired or reteigned, with any of the person or persons aforesaid, to worke in any of the artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences aforesaid, for any lesse time, then for the space of one hole quarter of one hole yere, vpō pein of euery person offending contrarie to this statute to suffer imprisonmēt for one hole moneth without baille or mainprise & to forfeit for euery such offence. xl. s.

And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that euery Iorneiman of any the craftes, occupacions or misteries aforesaid, being required by any person or persons, vsyng the misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences aforesaid, or any of them, to serue by the quarter of the yere, halfe yere or hole yere, vpon such reasonable wages as betwene them shalbe agreed, & in case wher the parties can not accord, thē for such wages as

shalbe

shalbe adiudged & decreed by one Justice of the peace, maior, alderman bailife, poztereue, constable or tithing man of the Shire, citie, toune, borough, village, hundred, wapentake or tithyng, where any such Journeiman shalbe required, to serue as is abouesaide, and there vpon if suche Journeiman refuse to serue in maner and fourme abouesaid, that then euery suche Journeiman and euery of theim so refusyng to serue, as is abouesaied, shall suffer emprisonment, by the space of one hole moneth, and shall at euery tyme so refusyng forfeit. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that al and euery persone or persones, that shall haue. iii. aprentices in any of thesaied Craftes, misteries, or occupacions, shal reteine and kepe one tourneimā, and for euery other aprentice aboue the nōbre of thesaid. iii. aprentices one other tourneimā vpon pein for euery default. x. li. the one halfe of all which forfeitures, shalbe to the king oure soueraigne Lorde, and thother halfe to suche person or persons as will sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of record, by bil information, accion of debt, or otherwise, in whiche sute no essoin, protection or waget of law, shalbe admitted or allowed.

And it is further enacted by thauctoritie abouesaid, that al and singuler thoffences abouesaid, which shalbe hereafter committed or done contrarie to the tenor of this present act, shalbe inquirable & presentable before the Justices of Oyer and *determiner*, Justices of assises, Justices of the peax, and in all and euery leete or leetes, before the steward or stewardes there, and before any Maior, bailife, or other hed officer, of any citie, toune or borough corporate, & that thesaid iustices, steward, maior, bailife, or other hed officer, shal haue ful power and aucthorite frō time to time, to punish and correcte, all and euery person and persons, offendyng contrarie to the tenor of this present act, according to such presetment or, presentmentes, as before him or theim shalbe had or made.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that al seruauntes of husbandry vnmaryed, and which haue not bene maried and all seruauntes and labourers, vsyng to labor in barges commonly called westerne barges, which are not, nor haue bene maried, shall after the feast of the Annunciacion of oure Lady next commyng, serue by the hole yere and not go by the date wages, vpon pein of suche punishment as is conteined in the Statutes made against labourers, and that all suche seruauntes shall after thesaied feast geue their Master and Mastres a quarters warnyng, against his or their departure out of seruice, vpon the like pein, conteined in thesaied Statute.

The. xxiii. Chapiter.

An act concernyng the releale of the brauunches in the last act of the Reliefe for the paimentes of Shepe and Clothes, and also a graunt of a Subsedy to be paied in one yere.

Woste

MOste humbly prayeng the Commons, in this pre-
sent Parliament assembled, your moste excellent
Maiestie, that where in the last Session of this pre-
sent Parliament vpon prorogacio, begon at West-
minster the .iiii. daie of Nouebre, in the seconde yere
of your highnes reigne, and there continued vnto
the .xiiii. daie of Marche, then next folowyng, your
humble and faithfull Subiectes the Commons, in
thesaied Parliament assembled, with the assent of the lordes spirituall
and temporall, graunted vnto your highnes, one Relief of iii s. of euery
l. of the goodes and Cattals, of euery persone beyng worthe .x. l. and vp-
ward, to be leuied and taken in .iii. yeres, in maner and forme as is men-
cioned in thesaied acte. And also one other relief, to be taken & leuied, for
euery shere shepe, accomptyng thesame by the polle, after the rate, as by
thesame act, more at large it doth appere. And one other relief, of .viii. d.
of the .l. of the price and value of all and syngulet wollen Clothes, to be
tared and leuied, in maner and forme, as by thesame acte it is declared:
Thesame seuerall reliefes to endure, and to be yerely paied and leuied,
duryng three yeres, as by thesame former act, more largely it appereth:
whiche Relief of Clothe appereth now, so comberous to all Clothe ma-
kers, and also so tedious to thesame, for makyng of their bokes, and the
accomptes thereof, by reason of lacke of the Aunogers, not alwaies pre-
sent, when time requireth, that in maner, thei are discoraged to make any
clothe, or to set any men on worke about thesame. And also, thesaid relief
of shepe, is to your poore Commons, hauyng but fewe shepe in nombre,
a greate charge, and also, so comberous for all your commissioners and
officers, named and appoynted for executyng of thesame, that thei can
not tell, how to serue your highnes therein, accordyng to their duties:
It maie therefore please your highnes, with thassent of the Lordes spi-
rituall and temporall, and of your saied Commons, and at their moste
humble suite, that it be enacted, by the authoritie of this present Parlia-
ment, that the seuerall grauntes and clauses, mencioned in thesaied act
of Relief, concernyng, or touchyng, onely the seuerall grauntes of Reli-
fes to bee leuied, and paied for Shepe, after the rate of the polle, and of
Clothe to be paied, or of any of them, as in the former act is recited, and
euery article, clause, prouision, and sentence, concernyng onely thesame
seuerall grauntes of reliefes, for shepe and clothe, or either of the, shalbe
from thesaid .iii. daie of Nouember, in thesaid second yere of your most
noble reigne, demed, & adiudged voyde, and of none effect, and to be vt-
terly repealed, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that e-
uery article, clause, and prouision, mencioned in thesaied acte of Relefe,
touchyng, or concernyng the Relief, of, and for goodes, to stande, and be
good, and effectuall, accordyng to the tenor of thesame act of relief. And
we your humble and obedient Subiectes, beseche your highnes, that it

maie pleaſe your highnes,to take and receiue of vs,your ſaid ſubiectes, towardes your ineſtimable charges,that you haue all ready ſuſteined, and borne,and bee like hereafter to ſuſtain and beare, for the defence of vs,and this your highnes realme and dominions, againſt the old and auncient enemies of theſame,the Frenchmen and the Scottes,now be-ing open enemies to your highnes, your ſaied realme and dominions, this ſmall gifte hereafter folowyng,not as any recompence, or ſatiſfac-cion to your Maieſtie,of,and for your moſte bounteifull,and liberall re-leaſſe,and diſcharge of your ſaid humble ſubiectes,of, and concernyng theſaied ſeueral reliefes,of ſhepe and clothes,but as a token and know-lege,of our faithfulnes, louyng, and willyng hartes, towardes youre highnes,to bee alwaies ready,to beare with your highnes, to the vtter-moſte of our powers,in al your proceedynges and affaires,as to the du-tie of naturall and obedient ſubiectes,appertaigneth: that is to ſaie,wee your graces ſaied louyng ſubiectes, doo by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament,freely,and of our good hartes and myndes,geue & graunt, vnto your moſte Royall Maieſtie, one other Relief, to continue by one yere,next enſuyng the determinacion of theſaied three yeres, ſpecified in theſaied former acte of Relief,for goodes,to bee rated,taxed,leiued,and gathered of euery perſone,of what eſtate or degree he bee,accordyng to the tenor of this acte,after the rate, and in maner and forme folowyng: that is to ſaie,aſwell of all,and euery perſone,as is,or hereafter ſhalbe, your graces naturall ſubiectes,as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guyld, Corporacion, Myſterie, Brotherhed, Compaignie, and Commonaltie, Corporate,or not Corporate, within this realme of Englande,Wales, and other the Kynges Dominions,beyng worthe.x. pound of money, Coyne Plate,ſtocke of Marchaundiſe,Corne,Grain, Shepe,Beaſtes, cattals,or other goodes moueable,aſwel within this realme,as without and of all ſuche ſomes of money,as to hym or them ſhalbe owyng,wher-of,he or their truſt in their conſciences,ſurely to bee paied.xii.d. of euery l.And of euery Alien or ſtraunger,borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce, aſwell denilon,as not denilō,inhabityng or reſiaūt,within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions,beyng worth.x.l.in money,Coyne, Plate,Stocke of Marchaundiſe,Corne, Grain, Shepe,Beaſtes,Cat-talles,or other goodes moueable,aſwell within this realme,as without and of all ſuche ſomes of money,as to hym,is,or ſhalbe owyng, wherof he truſteth in his conſcience,to be ſurely paied.ii.s. of euery l.And of e-uery Alien or Straunger,borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce,as well Denilon as not Denilon,inhabityng or reſiaunt within this realme,or any other the kynges Dominions,beeyng worthe.xx.s.and vnder.x.l. in money,Coyne,Plate,ſtocke,of Marchaundiſe,Corne,Grain,Shepe Beaſtes,Cattell,or other goodes,moueable,aſwell within this realme, as without,and of all ſuche ſomes of money, as to hym,is,or ſhalbe o-wyng,whereof he truſteth in his conſcience, to bee ſurely paied.xii. d.of

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euery.l. Except, and out of the premisses deducted, suche somes of money, as any persone or persones, before chargeable owe, & in his or their conscience, truly mynde to pate. And excepted also, the apparell of suche persones, their wifes and childzen, belongyng to their awne bodies, sauyng Jewelles, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Pearle. Excepted also alwaies from the charge Assessement, and paiment of thesaied Relief, all money, goodes and Cattalles of Orphanes, bequethed or left vnto thē by their parentes, or other their Frendes deceassed. And that all Plate, Coyne, Jewelles, goodes, debtes and Cattalles personall, beyng in the rule, and custodie, of any persone or persones, to the vse of any Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guylde, Mistere, Brotherhed, Compaignie, or any Commonaltie, beyng Corporate, or not Corporate, be, and shalbe rated set, and charged, by reason of this acte, at the value certified, by the presentors of the certificate, to bee swoyne, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is abouesaied, and the somes that are before rehersed, set and taxed, to bee leuied and taken of theim, that shall haue suche goodes in custody, as is before rehersed. And thesame persone or persones, and body Corporate, by the aucthoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against hym or them, that shall, or ought to haue thesame, at the tyme of the paiment, or deliuery thereof, or at his otherwise departure, from the custody, or possession of thesame. Excepted, and alwaies forprised, from the charge and assessement of this Relief, all Goodes, Cattalles, Jewelles, and Ornamentes of Churches and Chapelles, ordeigned and vsed in Churches or Chapelles, for diuine seruice therein to be celebrated.

ALSO, we the kynges maiesties louyng, & obedient subiectes, do geue and graūt to your highnes. vui.d. to be paied in thesame yere, by euery other person, not borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, beyng Denison, or not Denison, other then women couert, soldiours, and suche persones as be vnder the age of.xii. yeres, dwellyng or resiant within this realme or any other the kynges dominions. And thesaid Reliefes shalbe, by auctoritie aforesaied, taxed, assessed, & rated in thesaid yere, in euery shire, Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citee, Borough, Towne, and euery other place, within this realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the kynges dominions, in forme folowyng, that is to saie, before the.xx. day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God. M.D.Li. and the paiment thereof to be had, made, & paied at the receipt of the kynges Exchequier, betwene the first daie, and the xx daie of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God. M.D.lu. And the somes abouesaied, of, & for thesaid Relief, shalbe taxed, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paied, vnto the vse of our saied souereigne lorde, his heires, and successours, in forme abouesaied, aswell within Liberties, Fraunchises, Sanctuaries, auncient demeasne, and other whatsoeuer place, exempte, or not exempte, as without: Excepte suche Shires, places, and persones as shalbee forprised, in, and by this present acte, any graunt,

Charter, prescripcion, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters Patentes, or other priuilege, prescripcion, allowaunce of thesame, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge, heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteigned notwithstandyng. And it is further enacted, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche persone, as well suche as be borne vnder the kynges obeisaunce, as euery other persone, straunger borne, denison, or not denison, inhabityng within this realme or within Wales, or other the kynges dominions, whiche at the time of thesaid assessyng, or taracto be had or made, shalbe out of this realme and out of Wales, and haue goodes or Cattalles within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged, and chargeable for thesame, by the certificate of thinhabitauntes of the parties, where suche goodes, Cattalles or other the premisses then shalbee, or in suche other place, where suche persone, or his factor, deputie, or attorney, shall haue his moste resorte vnto, within this realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if thesame persone were, or had been, at the tyme of thesame assessement, within this realme, or Wales. And that euery persone, abidyng within this realme, or without this realme, shalbe charged, and chargeable to thesame Relief, graunted by this acte, accordyng, and after the rate of the value of his substaunce, goodes, & cattalles, and other premisses, as suche person so to bee charged, shalbe set at, in the tyme of thesaied assessyng, or taxacion, vpon them to be made, and in none other wise.

Prouided alwaie, and be it further enacted by thauctheritie aboue saied, that all and euery Taxacion, and Assessement, of thesaied Reliefe for goodes, or for any former graunt, or subsedy, heretofore had, made, graunted, or taxed (forprised, and excepted thesaid seuerall Reliefes, for Shepe and Clothe, and either of theim) shalbee taken, iudged, and demed, of good force, strength, and effect, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe leuied, and paied to your highnes, accordyngly.

And bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue saied, that the lorde Chauncellor of Englande, or the lorde kepar of the greate seale, for the tyme beeyng, the Commissioners in that behalfe, by the Kynges Commission to be appoynted, and aucthorised, the presentors, the persone presented, chargeable, or taxed, Collectors, petit Collectors, Barons of the Kynges Exchequier, Auditors, and all and euery other persone and persones, mencioned in thesaied former acte of Reliefe, shall by aucthoritie of this present act, make, do, and execute al and euery thyng and thynges, concernyng thesaied Reliefe, graunted by this present act, as is conteigned, limitted, and appoynted to theim, by thesaied former acte of Reliefe for goodes, and vpon like peines, fines, amerciamentes, and forfeitures, and in suche, and thesame maner, forme, estate, and condicion, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as thei or any of thē are appoynted, might, maie, should, or ought to do, and execute by authoritie of thesaied former acte, touchyng the Reliefe for goodes, and as

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though euery clause, article, sentence, and matter, mentioned in the saied former acte, concernyng or touchyng the saied Relefe for goodes, were specially and particularly recited, and mencioned in this present act.

Prouided alwaies, that this graunt of Relefe, nor any other thyng therein conteigned, do in any wise extende, to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Irelande, Bulleyne, and the Countie of the same, Calice, Hammes, Guysnes, and the Marches of the same, Jerneley, and Gerneley, Alderney, and Silley, or any of theim, of, for, or concernyng any goodes, whiche the saied inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Bulleyn, the Countie of the same, Calice, Hammes, Guysnes, or other Marches of the same, Jerneley, Gerneley, Alderney, and Silley, or in any of theim.

Prouided also, that the saied graunt of Relief, do not in any maner of wise extende, or bee preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes, or Resiauntes at this present tyme, within the fiue Portes Corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate, or vnited to the same fiue Portes, or to any of the same fiue Portes, or to any of the inhabitauntes, within the liberties of Romeney Mershe, of, or for any parte or parcell, of the saied somes, graunted in this present Parliament, of the saied inhabitauntes, now resiauntes, or any of theim to bee tared, sette, asked, leuied, or paied, but that the said inhabitauntes, and now resiauntes, of the said Portes of Romeney Mershe, and their membres, and of euery of theim bee, and shalbee, of, and from the saied graunt and paiment, of the saied Relief, during their resiauncie there, and not longer, acquited and discharged, any matter, or whatsoeuer thyng in this present acte, made, or had, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this present acte of Relefe, ne any other thyng therein conteigned, extend to any of the Englische inhabitauntes, or resiauntes, in any of the Counties, of Northumberlande, Comberlande, Westmerlande, the toune of Berwicke, the toune of Newcastell vpon Tyne, and the Bishoprighe of Dureme, nor to any of theim, of, for, and concernyng any Goodes, or Cattalles, whiche the same inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the saied Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, and Westmerlande, or the Toune of Berwicke, the Toune of Newcastell vpon Tyne, or the Bishoprike of Dureme, or any of theim, but that thei, and euery of theim shalbee, of and for their goodes lyng and beeyng, in the saied Counties, Tounes, and Bishoprike, or of any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged, any thyng in this present acte before reherled, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteigned, shal extende to the goodes of any Colledge, Halle, or Ostle, within the Vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of theim, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the

goodes of the College of Eton nexte Wynſore, or to the goodes of any Reader, or Scholer, within theſaied Vniuerſities, and Colleges, or any of theim, there remaignyng for ſtudie, without fraude or couyn, any thyng in this acte conteigned, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that all and euery Collectour, petite Collectour, and other perſone and perſones, that haue leuied, gathered, or receiued, any ſome or ſomes of money, of any perſone or perſones, for the Relief of Shepe, and Clothe, or either of theim, ſhall before the laſt daie of Februarij next commyng, repaie and deliuer, to euery ſuche perſone and perſones, his, or their Executors, or Adminiſtrators, all and euery the ſame ſome and ſomes of money, ſo by them, or any of them receiued, vpon pein of forfeiture double the value, of euery ſuche ſome or ſomes of money, ſo by theim, or any of them receiued, & not repaied before theſaid laſt daie of Februarij. For the whiche forfeiture, the partie greued, ſhall, and maie haue his remedy, by action of debte, bill, plaint, or informacion, in any of the Kynges Courtes of Record, where no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted, by theſaied aucthoritie, that all and ſynguler ſomes of money, as now bee, or hereafter ſhalbe paied, by any Collectour, or petit Collectour, or other perſone to the kynges vſe in his Receipte, or els where, for the Reliefes of Shepe, and Clothe, or either of theim, ſhalbe deliuered and repaied, to theſaid Collectour, his Executours, or Adminiſtratours, at, and vpon his or their requeſt, in the ſaied receipt, to the vſes and intentes abouesaid, and that this act ſhalbe a ſufficient warrant, to the Officers of the Kynges receipt, to repaie and deliuer theſame, to theſaied Collectour, his Executours, or Adminiſtratours, without any further, or other warraunt to bee ſued for, to the Kynges highnes, in that behalfe.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that this act of graunt of Relief, ſhall not extende, to any ſpirituall perſone or perſones, for any of his, or their goodes, or cattals. And forasmuche, as diuerſe and ſundery the kynges Maieſties tenauntes, and other the inhabitaũtes and dwellers, within the counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brekknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleſey, Canaruon, and of the Countie Palentine of Cheſter, be at this preſẽt tyme charged & chargeable, with the ſeuerall paimentes, of diuerſe greate ſomes of money, (by the name of a Wiſe) due to his maieſtie accordyng to the leuerall cuſtomes, of theſaid Counties, for the paiment whereof, diuerſe and ſundery the gentlemen, and other inhabitauntes of theſaied Counties, be, and ſtande bound to his highnes. The kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, is therefore pleaſed and contented, that it be prouided, ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie

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aforesaied, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned, shall not extende to charge, any of the kynges maiesties Tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and dwellers, within any of thesaied Counties, of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brekuock, Radnor, Wontgomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, Carnaruon, and the Countie of the Palentyne of Chester, beeyng charged or chargeable, with thesaied Wise, for, or with any of the paimentes, of thesaied Relief, graunted to the kynges Maiestie by this act, or by thesaied former act, vntill the seuerall daies and tymes, appoynted and graunted, for the paimentes of thesaid Wises shalbe expired. And that the first paiment of thesaied Reliefe, graunted by this acte, and thesaied former acte, shalbe made at the Receipte of the kynges Exchequier, before the firste date of Maie, then next folowyng, after the date appointed, for the latter paiment to be made, of thesaied Wise, and so yerely, before the first daie of Maie, at the Receipt of thesaied Exchequier, vntill the foure seuerall paimentes of thesaied Relief, be fully made, in suche and like forme and order, as is ordeigned and appoynted by this act, and by thesaied former act, for the kynges subiectes, concernyng thesaid Relief to bee made at the Receipte of the saied Exchequier accordyng to the tenor of this present act, and of thesaied former acte. This acte, and thesaied former act, or any thyng in theim, or either of them conteigned, to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

In

MAIESTIES MOST FRE

AND GENERALL PARDON.

The .xxiiii. Chapiter.

THE kynges moste Royall Maiestie, right well perceiuyng his louyng Subiectes, by many and sundry wayes and meanes, greuously against the bounden duties of their allegiaunces, to haue now of late this last Sommer time offended his highnes and his lawes, by inordinate disobedience, Rebellion and otherwise, and his maiestie by Goddes prouidence being replenished with mercy, clemencye and pitie, and muche inclined to allure, prouoke, and stirre his said louing subiectes to loue obedience (which to them of duetie appertayneth) his maiestie hauing a speciall trust and confidence in his said subiectes, that they will hereafter apply and endeuour them selfes to serue and please hym in all obedience and obseruaunce of his lawes, whiche his highnes willeth and chargeth them to do, leste vpon suche like disobedience, rebellion and other offences, his highnes shalbe enforced and constreined to execute his seuere iustice, whiche to his imperiall and kyngly estate and function doth appertayne, and may not will no lenger beare and sustaine hereafter any suche rebellion, being a greate perill to his graces person, and clere subuersion and a likelye destruction of his sayd Realme and subiectes, and a great comfort to all his graces enemies: Is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament in maner and forme following: That is to saye, That all and euery of his sayde subiectes aswell spirituall as temporall of this his Realme of Englande, Wales the Illes of Iersey and Gernesey, Barwicke, Calleys, Guynes, Hammes, Bullongne, and Bullonoys and the marches of euery of them the heyres, successours, Executours and Administratours of the and euery of them and all and singuler bodies in any maner of wise Corporate, Cityes, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tythinges, and euery of them, and the successour and successours of them and euery of them, shalbe by thauctoritie of this present parliament, acquited, pardoned, released and discharged, against the kynges highnes hys heyres, Successoures, Executoures, euery of them, of all manner of Heresies, Treasons, Rebellions, Insurrections, Vnlawfull assembles, Conuenticles, Conspiracies, Misprisions of Treason, Concealementes of Treason, Murders, Felonyes, Roberies, Offences, contempts, Trespaces, Wronges, Deceiptes, Wilfemeanours, Forfaitures, Penalties, Summes of monye, Paines of death, paynes corporall and

pecuniari and al other thinges, Causes, Quereles, sutes, Judgementes and execucions, whiche maye be or can bee by his highnes in any wise or by any meanes pardoned, released or discharged, before & vnto the two and twentye daye of January, in the yere of our lord God a thousand fiue hundred fourtie and nyne, other thē such as hereafter in this acte be excepted and forprised in suche manner and fourme, and vnto such times as the same be excepted or forprised in this act, & other then such as ye clauses of prouiso hereafter mēcioned, do or doth extend vnto

And also the Kynges highnes is further contented and pleased, ye it be enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament ye this his said generall and fre pardon, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehersed and to euery of theim by thesayde generall wordes before rehersed in al thinges, which be not herafter in this present act excepted or forprised, nor conteyned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, as that same pardon should be if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suytes, querelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter excepted nor cōteined, in any clause of prouiso heareafter mencioned) had ben perticulerly, singulerly, specially, & playnly, named, rehersed, and specified in this present acte & also pardoned by propre and expresse wordes and names in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and tearmes thervnto requisite to haue be put in and expressed in this act of fre pardon: And that his said subiectes nor any of them, nor ye heyres, executors or administrators of any of them nor any of the said bodies corporate, nor any other persones, bodies politique or corporate, before named or any of them be nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted, in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemeanor, forfeiture trespas, offence, or any other, thing suffred, done or commytted agaynst hys highnes or hys crowne, dignity, prerogatiue, lawes or statutes, but only for or concerning suche matters, causes, and offences, as be rehersed or mencioned in the exceptions or clauses of prouiso in this present act hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and forme as in the same exceptions or clauses of prouiso, bee mencioned, and for none other: any estatute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses or presidentes heretofore had, made, or vsed to the cōtrary in any wyse notwithstandyng. And ye all and euery the Kynges sayd subiectes, and all and singuler bodies corporate and other before rehersed, may by hym or them selfes or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attornei or attorneis accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade & minister this presēt act of fre pardon for his or their discharge, of & for euery thyng that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, geuen or graunted, without any fee, or other thyng in any wise payeng to any person or persons for writing or entry of the iudgemēt or other cause cōcerning

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ſuche ple, writyng or entry, but onely .xii.d. to be payed to the officer or clarke, that ſhal enter the ple matter or iudgment, for the diſcharge of any partie ſo pleading theſame: any ſtatute, law or vſe to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

And furthermore, the Kynges hyghnes is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by thauctorite of this preſent parliament, that this his ſayd free pardō by the generall wordes before reherſed, ſhalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of courtes, or els where, aſwell in the wordes and clauſes of exceptions, and forpryſes ſpecified in this preſent acte, as in all and ſynguler other clauſes wordes and ſentences mencioned, and reherſed in this his ſayed free pardon moſt beneficially & auayliably to al & ſynguler his ſaid ſubiectes, bodies corporate and other before reherſed, and to euery of theym in al thynges ambiguous and doughtfull, and moſt ſtrongely in barre and diſcharge agaynſt his hyghnes, his heyres, ſucceſſours & executors in euery thyng without obſtacle, chalenge or other delay whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the Kyng our ſoueraygne Lorde, his heyres, ſucceſſors, or executors, or by hys or any of theit general attorney or attorneis, or by any perſone or perſones, for his highnes or any of his heyres, ſucceſſors or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the Kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, by thauctorite of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his hyghnes courtes commonly called the Kynges benche, ℔ Chauncery, the commō place or exchequer, or any other officer or clarke of any other court, within this realme or Wales, or other his hyghnes dominiōs, aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the laſt day of Ianuary, in the yere of our lorde God a thouſand fyue hundred fourty & nyne, make out, or writte out, any maner of writtes or other proces, or any extractes, ſommons or other preceptes, wherby any of the ſaid ſubiectes, or any of thelayd bodies corporate, or other before reherſed, or any of theim ſhalbe in any wyſe arreſted, attached, diſtrained, ſommoned or other wyſe vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, lāndes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of theim, for, or becauſe of any maner of thynge pardoned or diſcharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he ſo offending, and thereof lawfully condempned ſhall yelde and paie for the recompence thereof to the partie ſo greued or offended treble damages, the coſtes of his ſute to be accompted as percell of the dāmages. And neuertheles, all and ſynguler ſuche writtes, proceſſe, extractes and preceptes ſo to be made, for, or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or diſcharged, by this acte of fre pardon, ſhalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except alwayes and forpriſed oute of this generall and free Pardone all and all maner prepenſid and wylfull Murdez, and all and euery robbery committed or done in or nere the hyghe waye, and all

and euery wylfull burning of any house,or barne with corne,& all and curry offence of burgulary, robbyng of churches or chapelles,done or perpetrated,sythen the feast of saynte Mychaell tharchaungell last past. AND also except and forprised,out of this free pardon,all and all maner of piracies,had, done,cõmitted or perpetrate vpon or in the Sees. AND also excepted and forprised out of this fre pardon,all and al maner of punishmẽtes,impeticiõs,forfeitures,paines of death, iudgementes,and executions for the premisses before exceped,or for any of theim.AND excepted and forprised out of this fre pardon,al & synguler some & sommes of money,graũted to the kynges highnes,or his most derest father,kyng Henry the.viii.by way & meane of subsidy fiftene,beneuolence,loane,cõtribuciõ,releue,or otherwise,or by any of the same waies or meanes: And al deteiners,witholdiges & none paymentes touching or concerning thesame,or any part therof: And that thesame and euery part thereof may & shal by aucthoritie abouesaied, be leuied,taken and receiued to the kynges vse,any thyng in this free pardon,to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And also except and forprised,all wastes of the kynges woddes in any of his forrestes,parkes,chases and elswhere. AND also except & forprised,all and all maner of wastes committed or done in any of the kinges wardes,lãdes,or in ẏ wardes lãdes of any cõmitte of ẏ kinges maiestie,or of any of his most noble progenitours committes. AND also except and forprised,out of this fre pardon,all and euery concelementes of any custome or subsidie,and al and all maner of accomptes and accompt,and all acciõs,suetes,impeticions,& demandes touching, or concerning any accomptes or accompte,& all arrerages of accõpt, and all debtes,impeticions,suetes, demaũdes and executions by occasion or meanes of any accõpt,which ought to be made to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitors. And also except and forprised all titles of actions of Quare impedit,all raushmentes and withholding of any of the kynges wardes,or withholding of any wardes, landes or tenementes, and the profittes of thesame landes & tenementes. And all & euery fine or fines,for the synple or double value of the maryage or maryages,of any of the kynges wardes, at any tyme growen to ẏ kyng our souerigne lord,or to any of his most noble progenitors. AND also except and forprised al and synguler homages,fealties and other seruices, relieffes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes secke,& tenthes and the arrerages of euery of theim, due to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitors. And also except & forprised out of this fre pardõ,al & synguler forfeitures,& al maner of penalties,sõmes of money & profites,whatsoeuer growen or due by reason of any offence or acte,cõmitted or done contrary to any statute or statutes,or contrary to ẏ cõmon lawes of this realme ,whereof any sesure was made,or any informacion geuen in any of the kynges courtes of record,or

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any sute cōmensid or depēding before ẏ.xx.day of Jāuary, in ẏ.iii.yere of the kinges maiesties reigne, or whereof the kinges maiestie or kyng Henry the.viii.by bil sealed with ẏ seale of any of theim before thesaid xx.day of January, in thesaid yere of our lord God a M.D.xlix.haue hath or shall make any gifte or assignement, to any seruauntes or seruaunte, of our souereigne lorde the kyng, or of thesaid kyng Henry the eight, or to any other persone or persones. AND except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler, forfeitures, forfeiture, and somme & sommes of money, being due to our souereigne lord ẏ king, or to kyng Henry the seuēth, or to kyng Henry ẏ eight, by any penal statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debt by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendor. AND except and forprised out of this fre pardon, all and al maner of debtes due, and to be due to our souereigne lorde the kyng, or to any of his most noble progenitours, other then suche as are due to our souereigne lorde the kynge, vpon any obligacion or recognisaunce, forfaited for none apparaunce, or for not keping of the peace, or for not being of good behauor. AND excepte and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler fynes, aswell fynes pro licencia concordandi, as other fynes for contemptes or offences set or taxed: And also all yssues, fynes and amerciamentes aswel reall as other vnder fyue pondes (other then fynes for any alienacion, without the kynges lycence) seuerally or particulerly, concerning any one ꝑson or mo persons ioinctely, whether thesame fynes or amerciamentes before excepted, be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of any sherife or sherifes, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debte or not turned into debte, or not beyng leuyed, receyued or not receyued, by any sheryfe or sherifes, Baylief, minister or other offycer.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforsayd, that this present acte of free pardon, or any thyng therein conteined, shal not in any wyse extende to discharge or pardon any offence, paine or penaltie, done, committed or forfayted, by force of any estatute heretofore made, against the dekaiyng of any house or houses of husbandrye, or conuertyng of any lande from tyllage into pasture, otherwyse or in any other maner, then to pardon and discharge all issues, forfettes, paynes and penalties growen or due to the kynges maiestie, or to his late father of moste famous memory, Kyng Henry the eight, before the fyrst day of June in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand fyue hundreth and fystie, by reason of any suche offence or offences, whyche issues, forfettes, paynes and penalties are playnely and clerely before pardoned, in and by this present acte of free pardon, nor shall extende to geue or make any lycence or dispensacion to any person or persons, to holde or contynue thesame so decaied or conuerted, contrary to the forme of any estatute or statutes.

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Prouided also & bee it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that all & euery pson and psons, whiche tended to sue lyuerey out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sue any lyuerey out of the kynges handes, or þ ought to sue any ouster le mayn of any manors, lãdes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamẽtes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue, & be boũden to sue his or theyr lyuery or lyueries, and ouster le mayn of hys or their manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as they ought or should haue done if this acte of fre pardon had neuer bene graunted, any artycle, clause, matter, or sentence, act or actes, thing or thynges, in this present acte of fre pardon, comprysed or specified to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And except and forprysed out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones, beyng the six and twentie day January, in the yere of oure lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie & nyne prisoner or prisoners in the Tower of London, in the Flete, in the Mershalsey, or in any other prison, or in any wise by the kynges commaundement, or by the commaundement or order of the lordes of hys priuey counsaill restrained or stayed from libertie: other then suche prisoner & prisoners, as are in any prison onely for felonious stealing of any goodes or cattals, vnder the some and value of twenty shyllinges, so that the same felonious taking of and suche goodes or cattals, be not feloniously taken in or nere any hyghe way, nor in the dwellyng house of any persone in the night tyme, nor in any churche or chappell. AND also except out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones whiche at any tyme before the said six and twenty day of January, in the sayd yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie and nyne, is, ought or shalbe put to death or in execucion by vertue of a ni manet of iudgement againste him or theim geuen. AND except and forprysed out of hys free pardon, all and all maner of treasons, done, committed or perpetrated by any person or persons, in any of the parties beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, or by any persone or persones, now being beyond the Sea or in Scotlande (other then suche treasõs or petit treasons, as haue bene committed, perpetrated or done by any persone beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlãde) that before þ feast of Thascencion, of our lord God, that shalbe in the yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred & fiftie, shall come & make their retorne and repaire into this Realme of Englande: And except and forprysed all impeticions, punyshmentes, forfaitures, paynes of death, executions & iudgementes for the same treasons.

And furthermore the kynges Maiestie of his speciall grace and clemency, is pleased and contented, that it be enacted and establyshed by thauctoritie aforesayd, that all and synguler persone and persones, beyng borne within this Realme of Englãde, or in any of the kynges dominions, and now being beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, whyche

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before the fyrst day of Nouembre in the yeare of our lord God, a thou-
sand fiue hundred fourtie and nyne, dyd fle out of this realme of Eng-
land, or any of the kynges dominions, for any high treason, petit trea-
son, misprision of treason, or for any felonie or murdre, or other crime or
offence, by hym or them committed in any wise done, or perpetrated
shall by vertue of this free pardon bee clerely discharged, acquited and
pardoned of al and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of
treason or other offences and crimes whatsoeuer, done, committed or
perpetrated before the sayd fyrst day of Nouembre, in the said yere of
our lord God, a thousand fiue hundreth fourty and nyne, and of al ma-
ner of impeticions, suites, penalties, forfaitures, and executions for
the same: So that he or they do come and make their returne and re-
payre into this realme of England, on thisyde the said feast of the assu-
cion of our lord God, in thesayd yeare of our lord God, a thousand
fyue hundred and fiftie. And also our sayd souereigne lord the kyng,
by vertue of this acte, and by the auctoritie aboue sayd, doth geue auc-
toritie and licence to all and euery of the sayed persone and persons,
being beyond the Sea or in Scotland, to returne and repaire into this
Realme of England, and other his dominions, before the same feaste
of thassencion of our lord God a thousand fyue hundred and fyfty.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore sayed,
that it shalbe lefull to all and euery Clerke and other Officer, of any of
the kynges courtes, to whome it appertein[illegible] without any forfaitu-
re, losse or punishment for thesame, to awarde and make writes of ca-
pias vt lagatum, at the suite of the partie plaintife against any persone
or persones, being outlawed in any accion or suite, to thentent to com-
pel the persone or persons, so outlawed, to make aunswere to the pla-
intife or playntifes, at whose suite he or they were or was outlawed.
And also that euery person and persones, now being outlawed, shalbe
bounden to sue a Scire facias, against ỳ party or parties, at whose suite
he or they were or was outlawed or their executors, or administrators
before suche tyme as the persone or persones so outlawed, shall take
any aduauntage of this free Pardon, concernyng his or their out-
lawry.

And the kynge our souereigne lord is contented and pleased, to
graunte by auctoritie afore sayd, that it shalbe lawfull to all and sin-
guler Archebyshops and Bysshoppes of this his Realme of England,
and Wales, to deliuer out of prison, and set at libertie all and singuler,
those persones being in prison in their custody or in the custody of any
of them, as clarkes conuicte or conuicted, which be pardoned by this
acte of free pardon, without any further acte or suite to bee made for al-
lowaunce of this pardon or other wyse, any acte of Parliament, lawe,
vsage, custome or other thing to ỳ contrary in any wyse notwithstadig

Prouided alwaie, that this acte of generall and free pardon or any

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thyng therin conteyned extend not to Jhon wythe of Eylesham in the countie of Norff. any thing in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also & be it enacted by the auctheritie afore sayd, that this acte of free pardō shal not extēd to any person or persons which at any tyme heretofore haue offēded in these heresies & erroneous opinions hereafter ensuing that is to say: that infantes ought not to be baptized, and if they be baptized, they ought to be rebaptised when they come to lawful age. That it is not lefull for a Christiā mā to beare office or rule in the commō welth: That no mans lawes ought to be obeied. That it is not lefull for a christian man to take an othe before any Judge: That Christ tooke no bodily substaūce of our blessed ladye: That sinners after baptisme cannot be restored by repentaunce: That all thynges bee or ought to be common and nothyng seuerall.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by thauctheritie afore sayd, that this acte of free pardon or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend, or be in any wise beneficiall, or take effecte to any suche person or personnes, that at any tyme sithe the feaste of Easter last past hath or haue made any rebellion or unlawful commotion, in any part of this Realme or in [illegible] whiche at any tyme syth the .xij. daye of June last past, hath or haue commēced or sewed, and after the last day of February next coming shall folow or continue, or that at any tyme hereafter shall come [illegible] or sue, in proper person, or by his or their attorney auctorised, anow, sue and folowe, any manner of appeale touchyng the death of any suche rebellious person or persōs, the maimyng or beating of any of the sayd rebellious person or persones, or any bill or billes, accīō or accions, of trespas or detinue, or action vppon the case against any person or persones, that dyd serue the kynges Maiestie in or for the subduing of the sayd rebellious persones, of for or concernyng the takyng away or witholdyng of the goodes or Cattalles of any of the sayd rebellious persones, or of, for or concernyng any other acte or actes, personall, done or executed in the commotion time to any of the sayd rebellious persones, by any person or persones that serued the kyng in the cōmotion tyme, in the subduing of the same rebellious persones, betwene the sayd xij. daye of June and the first day of Nouembre last past.

God saue the Kyng.

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typographus Regius excudebat.
Mense Februarii,
A. M. D. XLIX.
Cum priuilegio ad imprimendum solum.